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## COURSE OBJECTIVES

Intercultural Communication focuses on the importance of culture in our everyday lives, and the ways in which culture interrelates with and effects communication processes. We live in an era of rapid globalization in which being able to communicate across cultures is imperative to our ability to function in a diverse workplace, city, and world. Using our stories and our online discussions, this course is designed to increase our sensitivity to other cultures by understanding the frameworks of culture. This course will increase our awareness of our own cultural backgrounds, and the contexts in which we live and communicate.

The specific course objectives are as follows:

- To explore cultural self-awareness, and the dynamics that arise in interactions between differing cultures.
- To identify challenges that arises from these differences in intercultural interactions and learns ways to creatively address them.
- To acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes that increase intercultural competence

## Learning Events:

Activity 1: Collaborating and Identifying what is your cultural baggage.

Activity 2: Applying your culture framework to the metaphor 'Culture is an iceberg.'

Activity 3: Identifying what are the cultural dimensions between different nations.

## Required Materials:

- Access to the online course
- Skype video conferencing software
- Knowledge of online learning platform software

## Lessons:

Activity 1: What is your cultural baggage?

- Comprehend the signification of the metaphor 'Cultural baggage'
- Determine with your colleagues how cultural baggage plays a role in our daily routine.
- Evaluate how cultural baggage influences your perception, beliefs, and values.

Activity 2: Culture is an Iceberg

- Apply your knowledge of the features of culture through the metaphor "Culture is an Iceberg"
- Evaluate the university's culture by defining the university student guide for cultural harmony.

Activity 3: The Dimensions of Culture

- Distinguish and compare the culture dimensions founded in the work by Geert Hofstede.
- Determine and analyze certain daily activities in order to understand your culture's dimensions.

