# Talking Cultures: Exploring Intercultural Awareness Competencies

**Proposed Syllabus – Non-Credit Bearing Course**

Level C - Week by week, the following areas will be covered in term 1

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<th>Week</th>
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| 1    | UNIT 1 Cultural Awareness | Introduction to module. Expectations, aims and objectives  
• Synopsis of all aspects covered in the module  
• What is culture? SET UP BLOGS |
| 2    | UNIT 2 Cultural Identity – session 1 |  
• Ways to compare and contrast cultures  
• Fundamental differences between cultures: Food Socialising Dress Religion Politics Freedom of speech |
| 3    | Cultural Identity – session 2 |  
• Awareness of ethnocentrism  
• Knowledge about your own culture |
| 4    | UNIT 3 Cross cultural understanding – session 1 |  
• Cultural bias  
• Cultural stereotypes |
| 5    | Cross cultural understanding – session 2 |  
• Cultural misunderstandings  
• Cultural empathy |
| 6    | UNIT 4 Intercultural Communication – session 1 |  
• Formality, power and politeness/respect in relation to an academic and work environment |
| 7    | Reading Week | Reading Week |
| 8    | Tutorials | Tutorials |
| 9    | Intercultural Communication – session 2 |  
• Cross-cultural pragmatics – differences across various cultures |
| 10   | Intercultural Communication – session 3 |  
• Cross-cultural pragmatics - differences across the  
• regions of the UK |
| 11   | UNIT 5 Reflection |  
• What is culture?  
• What does it mean to you?  
• Intercultural competence – Can it be measured, if so how? |
| 12   | | STUDENTS COULD BE INVITED TO OBSERVE PRESENTATIONS OF THEIR PEERS PARTICIPATING IN CREDIT BEARING ITERATION |
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ASSESSMENTS

N/A

INDICATIVE READING LIST


