



COMMUNICATING AND COOPERATING IN A MULTICULTURAL CONTEXT

APA Program: Paris

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Course Description

This course aims to enable students to better understand relationships and interactions in an intercultural context, in short to better prepare for the meeting of the “**other**”. Indeed, whether in the context of academic mobility, during cooperation in multicultural teams, in the context of an internship, or in the context of management, it becomes more than urgent in our current globalized context to understand how culture (cultures?) influences our way of being, acting and thinking, starting with one's own culture.

Through theoretical contributions (What is culture? national, regional, corporate culture... cultural dimensions: time and space, hierarchy, communication, trust, values, group...) case study analyses, as well as student-to-student sharing sessions and group work, this course offers everyone the help of learning to distance themselves from their own cultural biases in order to better adapt in culturally different environments and reap the benefits of cultural diversity. The sessions will focus on diverse cultural areas (North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, European countries). At the end of the course, the students will have acquired a new and expanded lens to launch their next intercultural encounters.

Schedule

Part 1

- Introduction to the course
- The notions of cultures
- Understanding one's own cultural prism
- The cultural relationship to time and space

Part 2

- Time and space: case study
- Culture and hierarchy (authority, rules)
- Societal logics: case studies
- Culture and decision-making (conflicts/disagreements)
- The cultural relationship between performance and well-being

Part 3

- Liberté, égalité, fraternité (*Liberty, Equality, Fraternity*)
- Cultural diversity and principle of action
- The individual and the collective

Part 4

- Intercultural communication
- Communicating in a cross-cultural context (case study)
- Culture and trust

Part 5

- Cultural era approach: North Africa
- Cultural era approach: Sub-Saharan Africa
- Group work (preparation / information)

Part 6

- Oral presentations in groups
- Final session / conclusion / round table feedback

Assessment

- Class participation
- Oral presentation
- Midterm exam
- Final exam

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