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## Cultural Competencies Certificate

Number of Sessions: 10 | Session Duration: 1.5 hrs.

### Module 1: What is Culture?

**Subtopic:** What is Culture? What is Civilization?

**Subtopic:** Enlightenment & Theory of Progress: Worldwide Implications

**Subtopic:** Principle of Cultural Relativity and its Applications

**Workshop Activity:** Participants may be asked to share with the rest of the group their knowledge, attitude and beliefs regarding the concept of culture

**Guest Lecturer:** **Dr. Evi Eftychiou**

### Module 2: Characteristics of Culture

**Subtopic:** What are the Characteristics of culture?

**Subtopic:** Ethnographic Examples from Various Cultures

**Subtopic:** What is Ethnocentrism?

**Workshop Activity:** Guided Discussion

**Guest Lecturer:** **Dr. Evi Eftychiou**

### Module 3: Intercultural Communication – Communicating Across Cultures

**Subtopic:** Defining Culture

**Subtopic:** Multicultural, Cross-Cultural, and Intercultural Communication

**Subtopic:** Theories of Cross-Cultural Communication

**Subtopic:** High Context and Low Context Cultures, Similarities and Differences between Cultures (*ex. Perception of distances, Touching, Eye Conduct, Hand Gestures*)

**Workshop Activity:** Guided Discussion

**Guest Lecturer:** **Dr. Thodoris Kouros**

## Module 4: Religion and Worldview

**Subtopic:** Defining Worldview

**Subtopic:** Defining Religion

**Subtopic:** Exploration of Different Examples

**Subtopic:** Comparing “Western” and “Eastern” Religions

**Subtopic:** Magic, Religion, and Science

**Workshop Activity:** Guided Discussion

**Guest Lecturer:** **Dr. Thodoris Kouros**

## Module 5: Culture and Gender Relations/ Sexuality

**Subtopic:** Revisiting Marriage & Family

**Subtopic:** (*Non-Heterosexual*) Sexualities & Culture

**Subtopic:** Gender, Crime & Violence

**Workshop Activity:** The Cultural Construction of Sexualities & Gender

**Guest Lecturer:** **Dr. Constantinos N. Phellas**

## Module 6: Reduced Inequalities

**Subtopic:** Ageing (*Senior Citizens*)

**Subtopic:** Immigrants/Political Refugees

**Subtopic:** Women, Transgender, Intersex *etc.*

**Workshop Activity:** Case Studies by People (*from the above-mentioned Categories*) who have Experienced Discrimination

**Guest Lecturer:** **Dr. Constantinos N. Phellas**

## Module 7: Peace

**Subtopic:** The Level of Violence in the World: Is it Becoming a Less Violent Place?

**Subtopic:** Corruption and Transparency in the International System

**Subtopic:** The Pursuit of International Cooperation and Equal Treatment

**Subtopic:** Civic Participation and Access to Information

**Workshop Activity:** Guided Discussion

**Guest Lecturer:** **Dr. Odysseas Christou**

## Module 8: Art and Culture

**Subtopic:** What is Art?

**Subtopic:** Art and Ritual

**Subtopic:** Art and the Human Body

**Subtopic:** Art and the Natural World

**Subtopic:** Art and the City

**Workshop Activity:** Guided Discussion highlighting the diverse ways that human experience has been visually negotiated across cultures and through time

**Guest Lecturer:** **Dr. Elena Parpa**

## Module 9: Architecture and Culture

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## Module 10: Sport, Olympian Heritage and Culture

**Subtopic:** Olympian Heritage Across Cultures

**Subtopic:** Use and Abuse of Sport and the Olympian Idea Across Cultures

**Subtopic:** Olympism for Humanity in Action (*Theory and Praxis*)

**Subtopic:** Sport for Development Theory (*In Cross-Cultural Context*)

**Workshop Activity:** Olympism for Humanity in Action Foundations #1: Blending Sport-Education-Culture in Local Contexts

**Guest Lecturer:** **Dr. Alexis Lyras**

*\* Please note that module topics may change or be modified at any point during the series. Participants will be updated accordingly should any changes be made.*