

# Intercultural Competence

The Center for Language Studies' (CLS) Certificate in Intercultural Competence acknowledges that in an ever more interconnected world and society, with more opportunities for collaboration as well as situations of conflict, students need to understand and respect other cultures. By approaching language study, area studies courses and experiential learning through a critical lens focused on developing intercultural competence, students prepare themselves for a future after Brown working with people from all over the world, be it in industry, business, the university or in social justice work, anywhere where multicultural and multilingual groups work together.

## Certificate Requirements:

### Core Courses

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| LANG 0800   | Theory and Practice of Intercultural Competence |
| Prerequisite for LANG 1800  |   |
| To be completed alongside the internship or study away experience. The experiential learning component must focus on the same language community as the elective coursework. All prerequisite assignments are made available for asynchronous completion in Canvas. |   |
| LANG 1800   | Capstone Seminar in Intercultural Competence    |

**Language Study: Choose 2 courses taught in the same language and in the language needed for the experiential learning component from the list of electives. Courses listed below represent the minimum level required to fulfill the language requirement. Courses at higher levels must be taught in the target language.**

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| ARAB 0400  | Second-Year Arabic (and above*)                               |
| CZCH 0400  | Intermediate Czech (and above including independent studies*) |
| GRMN 0300  | Intermediate German I (and above*)                            |
| HISP 0600  | Advanced Spanish II (and above*)                              |
| HNDI 0400  | Intermediate Hindi-Urdu (and above*)                          |
| LANG 0150S | Swahili I (and above*)  |
| NAHU 0100  | Beginning Nahuatl (and above*)                                |
| PLSH 0300  | Intermediate Polish (and above*)                              |
| POBS 0600  | Topics in Portuguese-Speaking Cultures (and above*)           |
| PRSN 0300  | Intermediate Persian Language and Culture (and above*)        |
| RUSS 0300  | Intermediate Russian (and above*)                             |
| SIGN 0400  | American Sign Language IV (and above*)                        |
| TKSH 0300  | Intermediate Turkish (and above*)                             |
| VIET 0300  | Intermediate Vietnamese (and above*)                          |
| YORU 0200  | Introduction to Yoruba II (and above*)                        |

Independent Studies related to language learning. These may be in various languages and students must take two semesters of the same language. Please consult with the CIC Advisor for initial approval.

**Area Perspectives Course: Please choose 1 course to deepen your knowledge of one area and/or to bring together your interest in languages with other relevant academic interests. This course can be in any language.**

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| ANTH 0800 | Sound and Symbols: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology |
| ANTH 0805 | Language and Migration                                     |

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| ANTH 1131           | Indian Issues in Anthropological Perspective  |
| ANTH 1810           | Language and Power  |
| ARAB 0700 and above |   |
| CZCH 1000           | Dimensions of Czech Animation: Contexts, Interpretations, and Dialogs with the East |
| GRMN 0500 and above |   |
| HIAA 1850H          | Berlin: Architecture, Politics and Memory   |
| HIST 0243           | Modern Middle East Roots: 1492 to the Present                                       |
| HIST 1968V          | America and the Middle East: Histories of Connection and Exchange                   |
| IAPA 1802M          | Rwanda Past and Present   |
| IAPA 1804A          | Iran and the Islamic Revolution   |
| LING 1311           | Linguistic Variation and Universals   |
| LING 1412           | Pragmatics  |
| LING 1741           | Information Theory in Language  |
| LANG 0750           | Identity and Languages in Contemporary Africa                                       |
| LANG 0760           | Language and Film Discourse in Africa   |
| MES 1400            | The Middle East in Berlin: Urban Spaces and Voices                                  |
| PHP 1680I           | Pathology to Power: Disability, Health and Community                                |
| PLSH 1050           | Polish Cinema: Uneven Histories, Uneasy Aesthetics                                  |
| POBS 1601K          | Early Modern Global History at the John Carter Brown Library: A Research Workshop   |
| PRSN 0720           | Modern Iran: Literature, Media & Pop Culture  |
| PRSN 1200           | Iranian Cinema: Before and After the Islamic Revolution                             |
| RUSS 1050           | Russian Culture: From Peter The Great to Putin                                      |
| RUSS 1848           | Central Europe: An Idea and its Literature  |
| SLAV 1300           | Language and Politics in East Europe and Russia                                     |
| TKSH 0720A          | Understanding Modern Turkey Through Film and Literature                             |
| TKSH 0720B          | Istanbul, Global Metropolis   |
| TKSH 1100           | Introductory Ottoman Turkish I  |
| URBN 1871B          | Berlin: Global Metropolis (1945-2020)   |

Additional courses may count towards the area perspectives requirement, please see the CIC faculty advisor for approval.

### Experiential Learning Component

Students are encouraged to consult with the CIC Faculty Advisor to gain approval before the start of the Experiential Learning Component. Students may however gain credit after completion with appropriate approval. Students will need to keep track of time and present documentation from a supervisor of hours completed. Students choose one of the following experiential learning opportunities:

International internships require use of the language students are studying for the language study elective and must include engagement with the community. The internship must be of at least 4 weeks and equal a total of 60 hours.

Study Abroad in a country in which a language other than English is used, must be at a university where courses are offered in the language the student has chosen for their language study elective, must include enrollment in at least one course taught in the language the student has chosen for their elective and must be for a period of one semester or at least 4 weeks in the summer.

Domestic internships require use of and significant exposure to the language the student is studying for their language study elective. Students will intern for one semester or at least 4 weeks in the summer for a minimum of 60 hours.

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**Total Credits**

**4.5**

For a list of languages currently participating in the certificate, please see the CLS Website (<https://cls.brown.edu/certificate-intercultural-competence/>). Students may not pursue this certificate in the same language as their concentration.