

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Education has always been one of the most important factors in personal and societal development. It will be the international dimension of education that contributes added value in the building of European and ASEAN communities. These communities span borders and will be instrumental in solving the global problems of tomorrow. Any effective intercultural learning arrangement should integrate different culture-bound learning styles and exhaust potential synergies.



The general objective of this folder is to create awareness and deeper insight for professors and students in higher education by reflecting differences and similarities and finding ways towards efficient collaboration in learning environments. By doing this, teaching and learning will become more efficient, and institutions of higher education in the ASEAN countries will become more attractive to non-ASEAN students and vice versa.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – TAKE CARE!



Being an international student does not only mean experiencing a new country, getting to know new friends from all over the world and having fun – it also introduces you to diverse ways of thinking, doing and completing tasks in a different for you probably very unusual way. Therefore you should be aware of Do's and Don'ts in another culture.

BE AWARE THAT

- You never criticize a teacher in Asia due to its culture!
- Central European students have a preference for gender diversity in groups!
- Singaporean students prefer to study and being examined in groups!
- German students prefer written over oral exams!

Are you becoming curious now of how to improve your situation as an international student at university? What you should do and what you should be aware of? Your life can be much easier – just take a view minutes and check:

- <http://www.communicon.info>
- Brochure – cross cultural learning styles

PROFESSORS

TEACHING DIFFERENT CULTURES IN ONE CLASSROOM IS DIFFERENT!

Professors, you should be aware that handling more than one culture in a classroom is way more complex and tricky than it seems to be. Customary ways of teaching are not the proper way of teaching international. Exchange students, part- and full time international students – everybody has got a different cultural background of how things are being taught, of how to study and the way of participation in class!

BE CAUTIOUS THAT

- German students have a clear preference for national diversity in their study environment!
- Austrian students will challenge, question or criticize you whereas Thai would not do so!
- Singaporean students are more visible type of students and therefore they want you to use extended multimedia support!
- Asian students are far less participating in class than European students due to their culture!



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMINISTRATION - A HUGE HURDLE!



Are you working in an international office handling applications, questions and complaints every day? Are you responsible for making the life of your international students more comfortable at your institution? Try to make your work easier by understanding the different needs and habits of your international students such as

BE AWARE THAT

- Thai people are very fond of their national holidays – which are numerous!
- German people regard deadlines less binding than other cultures!
- Singaporean students pay tuition and therefore demand more service!
- Austrian students demand more application of content!



This project is based on several projects. This flyer should give you the idea which problems you can encounter when studying or being involved within an international environment! For further more detailed information following products are available: • Brochure – Cross cultural learning styles • Book – with selected articles about learning and teaching in a cross cultural environment • Website: www.com-municon.info



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Furthermore this project will be expanded with further countries within the next few years starting with additional Asian and South American countries to make this guide a truly international piece of work which will help to make Cross Cultural Studies an easier and more understandable thing to be!

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