GS 110: Cross-Cultural Communication

Credits 2

This course is designed to facilitate cross-cultural communication between domestic and international students. Students with different language and cultural backgrounds will meet in small groups or pairs on a weekly basis to discuss topics of interest and to enhance intercultural, interpersonal, intrapersonal understanding. In doing so, students will act as conversation and cultural mentors to each other. This class may include students from multiple sections. (Elective)

Prerequisites

For international students: IELS 81, IELS 82 or IELS 83 or instructor permission

Course Outcomes

- 1. Learn about other cultures by meeting on a regular basis with partners with different cultural and linguistic background from their own.
- 2. Learn first-hand how to better communicate with people with different styles of verbal and non-verbal communication.
- 3. Gain a more objective understanding of one's own cultural background and how it shapes individual values and beliefs.
- 4. Actively reflect on how this experience informs cognitive, interpersonal, and intrapersonal development.