

Socio- and intercultural skills as essentials for foreign students

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A study in a foreign culture may cause confusion on several levels/fields for the student.

1. Cultural codes and features.

In order to study well a student must feel comfortable in the new culture.

A “first aid course” (about the basic cultural values and the most typical patterns, habits and traditions) is useful to reduce confusion, social misunderstanding, blunders and disappointments. This does not mean that the foreign students should adopt the new culture, but rather be able to understand what they see around them, also outside campus.

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