

# Module description

# The Cultural Compass

Navigating the Route to Success in a New Culture.

<b>Time:</b>	Tuesdays: 14.10. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom) 21.10. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom) 28.10. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom) 04.11. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom) 11.11. from 17.30 – 19.45 online (Zoom)
<b>Course Language:</b>	All lectures and course materials are in English
<b>Credits:</b>	2 ECTS for exchange students
<b>Lecturer:</b>	Dr. Vinita Balasubramanian
<b>Assessment</b>	Presentation in tandems/tridems. Minimum participation required
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Fluency in English at B2 level
<b>Level:</b>	Bachelor's and Master's level
<b>Teaching Format:</b>	Input, group work, self-study

## Content

This course invites you to reflect on your own cultural identity against the framework of your new host country. It explores a range of cultural aspects of German culture, both on a need-to-know and a nice-to-know basis. It stimulates awareness of the perspectives and skills needed to manage your educational, personal and professional environment.

- Introduction to culture and intercultural competency
- The shaping of today's Germany: values, beliefs and assumptions
- Communication patterns and discourse management
- Practices and traditions in Germany

## Learning outcomes

- Critical thinking on cultural assumptions and biases
- Enhanced knowledge of German culture
- Managing the German environment through appropriate interaction