## LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSE OUTLINE

Intercultural Studies 15 (2018)15-3

Submitted By:

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## **Course Basic Information**

Outline Number Hours 15-3 75.00 
 Start Date
 End Date

 09/01/2018
 08/31/2022

Development Type Acquired Proposal Type Reauthorization

Grades G10 G11 G12

### **Course Description**

Intercultural Studies 15 is designed to develop intercultural skills for students who wish to advance their knowledge and potentially apply their skills to an intercultural experience of interest. The course is designed to focus on culture and intercultural skills such as adaptation, communication, practical skills, and relationship building.

### **Course Prerequisites**

Intercultural Studies 15: no prerequisites

## **Sequence Introduction (formerly: Philosophy)**

By developing intercultural awareness, students will become proficient with relationship skills that are imperative in today's globally interconnected world. Being able to build relationships within and between different cultures is a vital skill and schools play a crucial role in helping young people to develop global competence, as acknowledged by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Intercultural Studies 15 encourages students to be reflective, intentional and conscious of their thoughts, feelings and actions on a personal, local and global level. It encourages students to look at themselves and how they relate to the world in a different way. Students who complete this course will learn skills that will help them become resilient and competent when interacting with different cultures. Students will have an increased understanding of themselves and the world.

This course provides the opportunity for students to incorporate valuable life skills to inspire them to achieve success as contributing global citizens. Intercultural experiences are experiential in nature, and often provide some of the greatest life lessons, and as a result, create lifelong learners. By having a clear understanding of what culture is, what our own cultural lens is, how it impacts our perspectives and understanding how it can impact others prepares us to be empathetic and accepting of difference. Intercultural Studies 15 focuses on promoting opportunity, citizenship, choice and diversity. Students have the opportunity to personalize their learning and to build competencies based on this foundation

## **Student Need (formerly: Rationale)**

Intercultural Studies 15 prepares students to explore the intricate societal customs and behaviours of different cultures and countries. By understanding these unique customs, students will become ethically engaged citizens when travelling abroad or interacting with other individuals at home. Students will come to appreciate the similarities and differences, and understand how culture awareness impacts interactions.

## **Scope and Sequence (formerly: Learner Outcomes)**

The aim of the course is to create an understanding of the basic theory on intercultural awareness and its application to intercultural experiences of interest to students. The guiding question for the course that students should consider is, "What skills allow successful intercultural interactions?" Throughout this course, students will be encouraged to explore the concept of culture; to reflect on their own culture as well as discover elements of other cultures; and to understand the implications of intercultural interactions.

# **Guiding Questions (formerly: General Outcome:**

1 Evaluate the dimensions of intercultural interactions to prepare for intercultural experiences

2 Demonstrate effective intercultural skills during an intercultural experience to deepen intercultural awareness

3 Analyze the impact of intercultural awareness on their future as a global citizen

## Learning Outcomes (formerly: Specific Outcomes)

| 1 Evaluate the dimensions of intercultural interactions to prepare for intercultural experiences   | 15-3 |
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| 1.1 Analyze history, geography, social norms, and customs, related to an intercultural experience.   | Х    |
| 1.2 Investigate relevant legal, practical, and personal issues for an intercultural experience.  | х    |
| 1.3 Describe cultural identities, specifically how Canada is viewed by other cultures, and how they view themselves to create intercultural awareness.   | X    |
| 1.4 Describe how a sense of self-awareness of communication styles, ambiguity, stereotypes and bias is impacted by culture.  | х    |
| 1.5 Identify cultural similarities and differences between<br>student's culture and an intercultural experience using the general<br>context of culture such as protocols, body language, etc. | х    |
| 1.6 Identify the causes of culture shock as part of the cultural adaptation process and analyze appropriate adaptation strategies.   | X    |
| 1.7 Compare linguistic and paralinguistic strategies that support intercultural communication among cultures.  | Х    |

| 2 Demonstrate effective intercultural skills during an intercultural experience to deepen intercultural awareness                         | 15-3 |
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| 2.1 Apply intercultural knowledge, skills, and understanding to an intercultural experience.  | Х    |
| 2.2 Compare different communication styles, reactions to ambiguity, personal limits, empathy, and how it is being impacted by culture.    | Х    |
| 2.3 Identify strategies for maintaining physical, emotional and psychological resilience and well-being during intercultural experiences. | х    |

| 2.4 Apply linguistic and paralinguistic strategies to an | Х |
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| intercultural experience.                                |   |

| 3 Analyze the impact of intercultural awareness on their future as a global citizen  | 15-3 |
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| 3.1 Identify and share their key learnings of their personal growth  | Х    |
| 3.2 Identify possible implications of the intercultural experience of interest for their future education, work, travel, international opportunities and/or personal growth. | Х    |
| 3.3 Describe how increased intercultural awareness informs decision making with regards to an issue connected to the intercultural experience                                | х    |
| 3.4 Explain how knowledge gained from intercultural awareness impacts their personal situations/contexts.  | Х    |

# **Facilities or Equipment**

## Facility

No required facilities.

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### Equipment

No required equipment.

## Learning and Teaching Resources

There are no required student resources for this locally developed course.

### **Sensitive or Controversial Content**

It is expected that all issues and texts that may be controversial or sensitive will be discussed with school administration prior to coverage in class.

Guiding principles for dealing with sensitive and controversial issues are outlined in Chinook's Edge *Policy 2-09 Teaching About Controversial Issues.* 

### Issue Management Strategy

#### Health and Safety

All Chinook's Edge health and safety procedures will be followed as per regular classroom instruction, in accordance with Chinook's Edge *Administrative Procedure 4-19 Health & Safety.* 

If students are taken off campus, all Chinook's Edge procedures pertaining to planning, parental consent, risk assessment, etc., will be followed in accordance with Chinook's Edge *Administrative Procedure 2-09 Field Trips - Planning & Requirements.* 

### **Risk Management Strategy**

Statement of Overlap with Existing Programs

Provincial Courses with Overlap and/or Similar

Social Studies 10-1/2

Identified Overlap/Similarity

-1.2: Appreciate why peoples in Canada and other locations strive to promote their cultures, languages and identities in a globalizing world (I, CC, GC)

-1.3: appreciate how identities and cultures shape, and are shaped by, globalization (I, CC, GC)

Reasoning as to Why LDC is Necessary

- students using a different lens than in Social Studies to consider an intercultural experience of interest

- students will not necessarily be considering identity or globalization when exploring an intercultural experience of interest but will consider cultures of Canada and an intercultural experience of interest

Provincial Courses with Overlap and/or Similar

Travel Destinations 2 (TOU2070)

Identified Overlap/Similarity

- 1.2.3: describe the key features of the tourism regions, including: culture; e.g. language, religion, ethnicity

- 2.3.7: identify travel information for each destination, including: culture and customs

Reasoning as to Why LDC is Necessary

-depending on the intercultural experience of interest, students may not complete the exact TOU2070 outcome but would need to consider the aspects of culture related to the intercultural experience of interest

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Provincial Courses with Overlap and/or Similar

Cultural and Physical Anthropology 30

Identified Overlap/Similarity

- none

Reasoning as to Why LDC is Necessary

- While students will be studying culture interrelationships and culture change (Theme 5) in Anthropology, intercultural studies would be personalized to students' intercultural experiences of interest. Students would consider intercultural competencies that are of interest to the students versus examining cultures over time.

## **Student Assessment**

This course has no unique assessment requirements.

### **Course Approval Implementation and Evaluation**

The Associate Superintendent, Learning Services, in collaboration with the school Principal, will evaluate and monitor this course to ensure that all requirements (by Alberta Education, by the developing school board, and by Chinook's Edge) are met. The school Principal will supervise course implementation at the school level. Course prerequisites, copyright privileges, and conditions listed by the developing board

will be strictly adhered to.