



INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM

Students' perspectives

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Different perspectives

Interviews with 4 fellow students from our Master's program

2 students
from
Denmark

1 student
from
Romania

1 student
from
Brazil

Previous education vs. current program

- Literature
- Writing
- Exam format
- Class format
- Atmosphere
- Focus on group work
- Real cases
- Quality control



Difficulties of being an international student


Getting used to the new system

Limited access to information

- Lack of organisational information (grading system, report format, etc.)

Language barrier

- Limited number of elective courses
- Limited access to opportunities



Studying in an intercultural program - the international students' perspective

Communication challenges due to the language barrier

Cultural conflicts

Looking at the problem/issue from different perspectives

Questioning the things that one used to take for granted

“

You can see things in your own way of behaving that you cannot see when you are in your own culture ”

Learning to be more tolerant, flexible, open-minded

“

I didn't realize until I came here, how much this would change me and the way I approach things ”



Being part of an intercultural program - Danish students' perspective

It is interesting to meet people from other cultures, BUT it is not one of the main reasons for joining the program

Working with international students may lead to approaching problems in a new way, BUT it is easier to continue working with the same people

There were communication problems in the group, BUT it is difficult to say if they were related to cultural differences

Despite some problems in the beginning, the international students easily adapted to the new system



Being part of an intercultural program - Danish students' perspective

It is easy to see the potential benefits that come from being part of an international group,
BUT they did not manifest themselves

“

It is irrelevant to me if the person is Danish or international... I don't think working with
international is worse but I don't think it is better either”



What is the situation now?

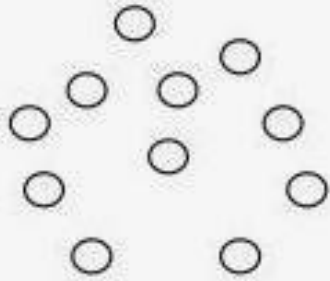
There are almost no social meetings between international and Danish students

None of the project groups consists of both Danish and international students

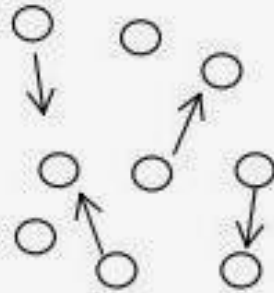
Danes are always happy to help, BUT they do not seem to show interest in getting to know other cultures

● Intercultural or multicultural?

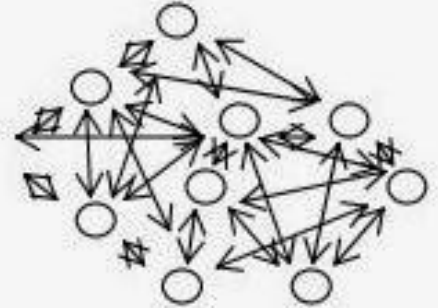
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INTERCULTURAL



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Thank you!



Any questions?