

Course information

Title	Teaching Languages, Culture, or Both ?
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Course URL	teacheracademy.eu/course/intercultural-language-teaching/
N. of participants	Min. 4 - Max. 14
Course length	One week (6 days, Monday - Saturday)
Language	English. Other languages may be available upon request
Locations and starting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dublin - Fourth Monday of the month • Helsinki - Third Monday of the month <p>On request, we can organize this course directly at your school. Discover all the dates at teacheracademy.eu/courses-dates/</p>
Free time activities offered	All courses include at least one city guided tour and one full-day Cultural Activity.
Type of certification awarded	Certificate of Attendance, including a description of the course contents (80% of attendance required); other Certificates may be available upon request
Price	<p>Starting from 480€ *</p> <p>* Our courses are eligible to be completely funded by the Erasmus+ KA1 funds and several other programs.</p>

Course contents

Description

Today's students need to cope with intercultural encounters in many of their daily life situations, being it when either traveling abroad or staying in their hometown. Because of this, language teachers need to integrate **cultural education in the classroom**. But how can we teach language and culture at the same time?

This course will introduce the participants to different techniques for inserting **cultural elements in language curricula** and classroom activities. Because language and culture are not separated, neither they can be taught separately. Accordingly, the course will emphasize the importance of **teaching culture along with language**.

By learning about the **Intercultural Language Teaching Approach**, participants will realize the importance of shifting their teaching objectives: from those focusing on promoting fluency in a foreign language to those aimed at **developing the intercultural speakers of the future**. Hands-on activities will boost participants' confidence and motivation in introducing such approach in their classroom.

Course participants will also explore multiple methods, approaches, and teaching strategies for **teaching culture** in the way that best fits their students. They will acquire the necessary tools to foster **cultural understanding** through the use of authentic materials and different types of media. The course will provide model exercises to promote cultural awareness and intercultural understanding.

Engaging in many hands-on activities, participants will learn how to help their students become aware of the fact that every member of a given culture has a **different viewpoint**, and that all viewpoints should be valued and respected.

By the end of this course, participants will know how to use a variety of **techniques to teach culture** along with the target language and encourage curiosity, awareness, and empathy among students from different cultural backgrounds.

Learning outcomes

- Realize the importance of integrating culture in foreign language teaching;
- Discover new techniques and activities for teaching culture;
- Lead conversation and dialogue in intercultural settings;
- Apply different techniques for introducing students to different cultures;
- Master several activities to make students solve cultural conflicts;
- Enhance students' cultural awareness;
- Encourage students to avoid prejudices and stereotypes.

Tentative schedule*

Day 1 – Introduction to the course	Day 2 – Teaching Culture in the Foreign Language Classroom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the course, the school, and the external week activities;• Icebreaker activities;• Presentations of the participants' schools;• Expressing participants' expectations about the course. <p>Defining Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culture-Language a symbiotic relationship;• "Big C" culture vs. "Small c" culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What culture?• Culture as a skill;• Goals and principles for teaching culture;• Practical activities to understand each others' cultures: we speak and behave differently because we belong to different cultures.
Day 3 – Techniques and Activities for teaching Culture	Day 4 – Intercultural Competence in the Language Classroom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural Island;• Cultural Capsules;• Cultural clusters;• Culture assimilators;• Cultoons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different models of Intercultural Competence;• Selecting the right tools for developing intercultural competence;• Story circles and intercultural competence development;• The Intercultural Speaker vs. The Native Speaker.
Day 5 – Materials and resources for Teaching Culture	Day 6 – Course closure & Excursion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural Literacy;• Types of texts;• Using videos to teach culture;• Cultural dimension in textbooks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course evaluation: round up of acquired competences, feedback, and discussion;• Awarding of the course Certificate of Attendance;• Excursion and other external cultural activities.

*The schedule describes likely activities but may differ significantly based on the requests of the participants, and the trainer delivering the specific session. Course modifications are subject to the trainer's discretion. If you would like to discuss a specific topic, please indicate it at least 4 weeks in advance.

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