

Western University
Department of Languages and Cultures

Bridging Classroom and Community: Languages and Cultures in Action
CLC/GER/ICC/ITA/SPA 2500G (Winter 2021)

Thursdays 9:30 – 10:30 am and Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 am

Preliminary Course Description



Sofia Rodriguez, CBC News, June 6, 2020, London, Ontario

In response to racism on campus, Western's president, Alan Shepard, called for a Working Group on Anti-Racism which submitted its report just as the events of spring 2020 saw huge anti-Black racism protests and the Municipal Council admission that "systemic anti-Black, anti-indigenous and people of colour racism exists in London".¹ Before this horizon, our course asks how can we bridge classroom and community to support languages and cultures in action and in interaction.

¹Daryll Newcombe, CTV News, June 10, 2020, London,

Course Description: This course develops intercultural concepts through the examination of the how several languages and cultures face and address a spectrum of stereotypes, microaggressions, prejudice, discrimination and racism in different areas of the world, in Canada, in London and at Western. Incorporating art, music, theatre, literature, we will connect interactive synchronous in-class activities with community-engaged learning projects to be completed online.

Learning Outcomes: We will learn to analyze cultural values, beliefs, behaviours, norms and intercultural contexts, seek knowledge and understanding where appropriate, demonstrate adaptability to negotiate differences and practice skills in intercultural communication by considering perspectives, showing respect and building relationships through empathy. We will reflect creatively and critically on intercultural communications in the local and global community and practice communication skills, in the lingua franca English, and, if possible, in the target language you are interested in.

Course Professor: Dr. Angela Borchert (borchert at uwo.ca)
(German, Comparative Literature and Culture, Intercultural Communications)

Assessments:

Classroom and Community Engagement:	20%
Preparation Activities:	20%
Community Projects:	40%
Reflections:	20%

Course Calendar: Available through OWL Sakai

Materials: All readings for the course are available through OWL Sakai.

Academic Policies: For the academic policies for undergraduate courses in the Department of Languages and Cultures, please consult the following link:

<https://www.uwo.ca/languages/undergraduate/policies.html>