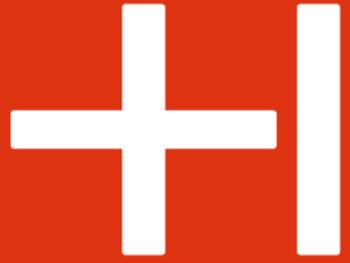


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CIIC

**Certificate of International and
Intercultural Competence**



About the CIIC:

The Certificate of International and Intercultural Competence (CIIC) is an extracurricular certificate that can be acquired by any HKA student. The CIIC certifies the intercultural and foreign language skills obtained by students parallel to their studies, attests study-related experiences abroad as well as participation in international project collaboration and furthermore lists the participants' intercultural involvement. Students of the Bachelor International study program automatically acquire the CIIC as part of their studies. 15 credit points (CP) are awarded for this certificate.

In order to get the CIIC, you need to:

- + be enrolled as a regular or exchange student at HKA,
- + formally register for the CIIC,
- + attend and pass the course „Intercultural Competence“,
- + attain a minimum of 12 additional credits (as described below),
- + successfully complete at least three of the four CIIC electives.



Electives:

Elective 1: Intercultural Involvement

Voluntary work, participation in the introductory course and reflection workshop, reflection report

Elective 2: Stays Abroad

Qualified international experience, reflection report

Elective 3: Language Proficiency

Verified participation in language courses

Elective 4: Intercultural Competence

Proven participation in courses on intercultural topics, reflection report

Elective 1: Intercultural Involvement

Intercultural voluntary work that comprises at least 50 hours (i.e. approximately 2 h/week in one semester) can be recognized for CIIC elective 1. Depending on the extent of your involvement, you can choose from the following three modules:

- + Module S (3 CP): starting at 50 hours of involvement
- + Module M (6 CP): starting at 110 hours of involvement
- + Module L (9 CP): starting at 170 hours of involvement

In order to receive credit points for the intercultural involvement, you need to attend an introductory course and a reflection workshop, prepare a reflection report based on your experience as a volunteer and provide qualified proof of your involvement.

Elective 1 intends to provide you with sustainable insight into the intercultural field of work. Only unpaid involvement in institutions and projects with an international and/or intercultural focus counts towards the CIIC. A crucial part of the reflection workshop is the exchange with other participants about your experiences as a volunteer as well as learning to reflect on the insights you have gained during your involvement.

Elective 2: Stays Abroad

The following study-related international experience can be recognized for elective 2:

- + study semester abroad
- + internship abroad
- + summer/winter school
- + project work/thesis abroad
- + research stay abroad

The international experience should encompass a minimum of six consecutive weeks (except for summer and winter schools) and needs to be verifiable (e.g. by your transcript of records). In order to have the stay abroad recognized, you must furthermore hand in a reflection report, the scope of which is determined by the duration of the stay. Depending on the duration of your stay abroad, you can choose from the following three modules:

- + Module S (3 CP): 6 weeks or more abroad
- + Module M (6 CP): 12 weeks or more abroad
- + Module L (9 CP): 18 weeks or more abroad

Elective 3: Language Proficiency

To promote multilingualism, this elective is designed to enhance your foreign language skills. You may either want to deepen existing knowledge of a given foreign language or learn a new one entirely.

Language courses taken at the Institute for Foreign Languages (IFS) of HKA are recognized without difficulty. Language courses offered at other universities can also be recognized by submitting qualified proof (e.g. transcript of records). In case of language courses offered by other institutions than universities, recognition for the CIIC is determined on a case-by-case basis.

In order to receive credits for language courses/programs under elective 3 you need to provide written proof of at least 3 CP or 90 hours workload. If you would like to focus on language proficiency for the CIIC you can take up to 9 CP.

Elective 4: Intercultural Competence

The course „Intercultural Competence“ is part of elective 4. It is offered regularly in winter semester and summer semester and attendance is mandatory for all CIIC participants. By passing the course, you will obtain the first 3 credit points for elective 4. In addition to the course, you must hand in a reflection report in which you analyze to which extent you were able to put into practice the concepts you have learned in the course.

Elective 4 offers you the opportunity to focus on theory in the area of interculturality beyond the mandatory course. To ensure the widest possible choice of topics, both face-to-face courses and digital courses (from other universities) will be recognized for the elective. If you want to focus on theoretical knowledge within the CIIC, you can take courses worth up to 9 CP.

Mandatory course: Intercultural Competence

The course „Intercultural Competence“ is mandatory for all CIIC participants. The experience-based seminar sessions combine theories of culture and communication with practical application in everyday life situations and prepare students for (virtual) collaboration in diverse teams. Thus, participants are encouraged to reflect on their own intercultural experiences and behaviors, to communicate and act in intercultural situations in a goal-oriented and appropriate manner and to build sustainable global and local relationships.





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