



Modularising Multilingual and Multicultural Academic Communication Competence for BA and MA level

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SCENARIO INFORMATION

Institution	Université de Lausanne, CH Centre de langues						
Title of scenario	Post-catastrophe building project in a multicultural context						
Topic in keywords	Communication in multicultural settings and intercultural communication competence, cooperation and negotiating, house construction						
Student	Name: ID:						
Deadline	Date: Received:						
Form(s) of assessment	■ Teacher □ Peer □ Self-assessment						
Setting	A village has recently been devastated by a flood. Two teams of architects and engineers from different cultural contexts have been contracted to work together towards the rapid construction of pre-fabricated housing. One team is from the country where the flood has occurred; the second consists of members of an NGO.						
Tasks overview	Task 1: Informing oneself on specific aspects of negotiation/cooperation in an intercultural context You will prepare to cooperate with a team operating in a different cultural setting which requires good intercultural communication skills. For this you will need to: 1.1. Gather information on the specificities of intercultural communication by reading an article on the topic in French, a language that your team colleagues do not understand and produce a text and a bi-lingual poster in French and another common language, English/German/Spanish (to be defined), showing clearly some specific aspects of intercultural communication which are important for this cooperation project 1.2. Summarize in written form in English/German/Spanish (to be defined) the information taken from a French article 1.3 Compare the definition of intercultural communication in three languages and identify core elements of the notion of intercultural communication competence as used in different contexts Task 2: Presenting orally some specific aspects of intercultural communication to your colleagues You will have a preparation meeting for the building project with members of your team only, on the topic of collaborating in multicultural settings For this you will need to: 2.1. Present the characteristics and challenges of intercultural communication orally with one of your colleagues to the other team members in a common language, English/German/Spanish (to be defined) Task 3: Negotiating in teams towards the construction of a model Both teams together produce a suitable model for a prefabricated house which respects the requirements of both parties and/or is based on a consensus. You will meet with your team first and then you will negotiate and cooperate with the other team. For this you will need to: 3.1. In preparation for your meeting with the other team, discuss with your team possible ways to move forward during the collaboration, participate actively and move forward to reach an acceptable solution for both teams 3.3. Wri						

Resources

Task 1 and 2:

Article: Centre d'information, de conseil et de formation Professions de la coopération internationale (2007): "Communication interculturelle I" (www.cinfo.ch)

http://www.ymca.int/fileadmin/library/6 Communications/1 General Tools/Communication interculturelle 1.pdf

Task 3:

- Role play cards (see Appendix)
- Set of appropriate Lego blocks for a shared construction of the model
- Video camera

For all tasks: Corresponding assessment grids available for students (before the activity)

Multilingual student profile required for scenario outputs

	Reading	Listening	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing
French	B2	-	-	B1/B2	-
English/Spanish/German	-	B2	B2	B2	B2
Intercultural skills and competences	х	-	х	-	-
Strategies (including multilingual multicultural strategies)	х	-	х	-	-

Independent learning skills and competences (including examination	_
skills and competences)	-



In order to illustrate their specific multilingual and multicultural profiles, students can store samples of their work in the Dossier of their **Academic ePortfolio**.

To familiarise yourself with the terminology, assessment criteria and assessment grids from the MAGICC project or the reference levels of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, please consult the MAGICC **Transparency tools**.

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PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Assessment scheme

Level of masteryInadequateBasicSatisfactoryFullPercentage %0-49.9%50-59.9%60-79.9%80-100%

to be used with the corresponding MAGICC assessment grid (http://sepia.unil.ch/magicc)

Task 1

\$\(\)(5 hours): Informing oneself about specific aspects of negotiation/cooperation in an intercultural context

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Expected outputs:

- 1.1 Written text of min. 200 words explaining strategies used before and during reading and bi-lingual poster on the article, containing at least two main points on each chapter of the article
- 1.2 A 500 word written summary of the article cinfo: "Communication interculturelle I", in L2, to be defined (English/German/Spanish)
- 1.3 Written text of 200 words comparing definitions/concepts of intercultural communication competence in different languages

1.1	Core competence: Can access, evaluate and manage multilingual and multicultural information and knowledge sources		
	Skills / strategies: Academic and professional reading strategies and information management	Level of mastery / Percentage	Comment
	Learning outcomes: Use a variety of strategies to manage a reading situation and employ one's own multilingual profile to strengthen, enrich and diversify access to information, processing, retaining and classifying new information		

	Planning: - Prior knowledge - Prediction	 Sub-task 1.1.1 What do you already know on the topic of intercultural communication? Please note at least 2 elements you conceive may be important. Before reading the article, predict 3 possible ways the article may be organised, include ideas about the possible content. 	
specification	Effectiveness in execution I: - Overview - Decoding - Reference tools	 Sub-task 1.1.2 Name two examples where you draw upon your knowledge of different languages, including your L1(s) and/or applied translanguaging and/or other inferring, decoding or compensation strategies when writing the poster and the summary in a language of your repertoire other than the one of the article (e.g. translation, inferring from context or to cover gaps to retrieve information and meaning). What kind of on-line or off-line resources did you use for the task and what for? Give one example of use. 	
Assessment criteria and task spe	Effectiveness in execution II: - Checking - Highlighting - Information management - Monitoring	 Sub-task 1.1.3 Use visual techniques during reading to optimize orientation and understanding (mark main points, underline, mark unclear passages, find titles, key words, personal comments, etc.). Give two examples which show which techniques you used and how you used them and explain why they are appropriate for the purpose. Describe the main differences between your predictions prior to reading and the actual structure and content of the article. Organize the main points in a poster (mind-map). Put all the main notions in two/three languages (language of the article/language of the summary/other). Mention a minimum of 6 main notions with at least 3 sub-elements each, sufficiently clear for use as a support for an oral presentation on the content of the article. Selection of relevant information Logical organization of information (in two languages) Use of numbers, arrows, colours, etc. 	

1.2a	Core competence: (sources	Can access, evaluate and manage multilingual and multicultural information and knowledge		
	Skills / strategies: Academic and professional reading skills			Comment
	Learning outcome: Un repertoire			
Asses smen	Macro-comprehension: - Evaluation of relevance of material	 Sub-task 1.2.1 Advance one argument why this article is/could be relevant for the preparation of a negotiation (in a multicultural context) 		

Understanding of discourse development: - Structure - Purpose - Key points	 Sub-task 1.2.2 Briefly describe the purpose and structure of the article Identify three key points of the article 	
Micro-comprehension: - Details - Nuances - Relations	 Sub-task 1.2.3 What is the metaphor that the author uses to illustrate intercultural communication? Why does this metaphor seem so appropriate? What seems most important to the author on the topic of 'perception' a) in relation to what is said? b) in relation to non-verbal communication? 	
Reading quality: - Reuse of information - Speed - Connections/transfer	 Sub-task 1.2.4 Write a 500 word summary, sufficiently explicit for the reader to have a clear idea of the content of the article without having read it 	

	1.2b	multicultural conte		Level of mastery	
		Learning outcome: su	mmarize, synthesize, rephrase in written form in one's own language, or some other language within one's mation and arguments presented in various (written or oral) sources and in different languages	/ Percentage	Comment
	a and task on	Macro-readability: Guidance for the reader, accessibility: - Format and presentation - Format convention - Visual organisation	 Sub-task 1.2.5 Visually organise and present text in a way that makes it easily accessible for the target reader 		
	nent criteria a specification	Topic content: Content - Information points covered - Relevance	 Sub-task 1.2.6 Develop a topic adequately in relation to the task (in relation to subtasks (1.2.1-1.2.3) and at the required level of conceptualisation and abstraction 		
Assessmo	Assessment	Thematic development: Text structure - Logical organisation - Coherence and cohesion	 Sub-task 1.2.7 Produce a clearly-organised text, that is coherent and uses suitable linking devices for the smooth flow of text 		

Micro-readability I: Grammatical accuracy - Syntax - Form - Spelling and punctuation - Range of structures	 Sub-task 1.2.8 Use grammar, spelling and punctuation effectively so that the message is clear, even if errors may occasionally obscure meaning (appropriate to the CEFR reference level) 	
Micro-readability II: Vocabulary control and range - Appropriateness - Register and style - Range	 Sub-task 1.2.9 Use an adequate range of both general and specialised vocabulary appropriate to the CEFR reference level and topic Use vocabulary of the required level of formality 	

1.3	sources Skills / strategies: Inte	Can access, evaluate and manage multilingual and multicultural information and knowledge ercultural skills and competences for academic and professional reading entify and interpret information in its cultural context	Level of mastery / Percentage	Comment
Assessment criteria and task specification	Knowledge: Knowledge discovery - Acquisition - Verification - Differentiation	 Sub-task 1.3.1 Find two supplementary definitions of intercultural communication competence on the Internet, one in English and one in German/Spanish (to be defined) Give the references of the website used Compare these definitions with that given in the article cinfo "Communication interculturelle I": What are the core components of these three definitions? Are the components the same in the 3 definitions? What is different? What do the definitions/concepts mainly focus on, give at least 3 elements. What did you learn doing this comparison? 		

Overall achievement for task 1

Circle what applies

Level of mastery	Inadequate	Basic	Satisfactory	Full	Overall achievement for task 1
Percentage %	0 – 49.9 %	50 – 59.9 %	60 – 79.9 %	80 – 100 %	

Task 2

♥ (2 hours): Presenting orally some specific aspects of intercultural communication to your colleagues

Expected output:

2.1 Oral presentation in pairs (to be filmed) on characteristics and challenges of intercultural communication competence, using the bilingual poster created in task 1.1 as visual support

2.1.	multicultural context Skills / strategies: Acade Learning outcomes: P	demic and professional spoken production resent detailed information on the topic of intercultural communication (taken from a source in a different	Level of mastery / Percentage	Comment
specification	Ianguage from that of Macro- comprehensibility: Text type, Form - Relevance of form and organization - Relevance to audience	Sub-task 2.1.1 Text-type: oral presentation alone or in pairs, filmed outside the classroom and sent to the teacher Duration: 10 minutes Form: Talk freely using only the (bi-lingual) poster as a support Use a formal language adapted to an audience of educated non specialists Use two languages for one important definition If applicable: divide the presentation between two speakers and respect the assigned time for each speaker		
Assessment criteria and task specification	Topic development: Content and structure - Relevance to topic - Comprehensibility - Coherence and cohesion	Sub-task 2.1.2 Content: present all key aspects of the article Structure: Introduction Plan of the presentation Main part: coherence: use of adequate linking words and signposts Conclusion		
Assessm	Micro- comprehensibility I: Grammatical resource and control - Accuracy - Flexibility - Range	 Sub-task 2.1.3 Use grammar effectively (in relation to the CEFR reference level) even if errors may occasionally obscure meaning Use an adequate range of grammatical structures (in relation to the CEFR reference level) 		

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Micro-comprehensibility II: Lexical resource and control - Range - Flexibility - Level of formality	Subtask 2.1.4 Use with ease an adequate range of both general and specialised vocabulary (in relation to CEFR level) Use vocabulary of the required level of formality		
Micro-comprehensibility III: Pronunciation - Stress - Pauses - Individual sounds - Rhythm - L1 interference	 Sub-task 2.1.5 Use stress, rhythm, intonation, pauses and sufficiently clear individual sounds in order to make discourse easy to follow (despite L1 interference for L2 speakers) Speak clearly with appropriate volume and speed, adapt if necessary 		
Overall communicative quality: Fluency, interest of audience, non-verbal communication - Range - Flexibility	 Sub-task 2.1.6 Produce smooth-flowing speech Use poster support effectively Apply different stylistic means (maintain interest, emphasize, etc.) Use appropriate non-verbal communication to support understanding 		

Overall achievement for task 2

Circle what applies

Level of mastery	Inadequate	Basic	Satisfactory	Full	Overall achievement for task 2		
Percentage %	0 – 49.9 %	50 – 59.9 %	60 – 79.9 %	80 – 100 %			

Task 3

♥ (2 hours): Negotiating in teams towards the construction of a model

Resources:

- Role play cards for each team (participants see the rules and requirements for their own team only) see Appendix
- Set of appropriate Lego blocks for the construction of the prototype of the model by both teams
- Video camera

Expected outputs:

- 3.1 Discussion with own team to prepare for cooperation/negotiation: filmed or documented through a joint text created by the whole team
- 3.2 Filmed negotiation/collaboration of the two teams
- 3.3 A brief report for a line manager, reflecting on the negotiation identifying what worked well and what could be improved

3.1.	Core competence: 0 multicultural contex Skills / strategies: Stra	Level of mastery		
	diversify spoken co - Identify and apply a planning to manage	ategies, one's own multilingual and multicultural repertoire and prior knowledge to strengthen, enrich and mmunication of information, knowledge and expertise to different audiences appropriate prior knowledge and use one's own multilingual and multicultural repertoire (including L1) for e interaction in a multilingual and multicultural setting or for the interaction activity to achieve effective communication	/ Percentage	Comment
Assessment criteria and task specification	Planning: - Prior knowledge - Preparation	 Sub-task 3.1.1 Discuss with members of one's own group to prepare the collaboration in a multicultural context (to prepare the future common construction of the lego model with the other group): Activate prior knowledge: What skills are needed in this context? How will you negotiate and move the project forward in a constructive atmosphere? Consider different perspectives and different possible solutions Prepare for the negotiation in separate groups, A and B (A does not know the rules and strategies of B and vice versa): Understand and memorize your group's rules and requirements Define a group strategy, put forward a few initial ideas for the model Prepare linguistically for building the model; find the necessary vocabulary, expressions for clarification, asking questions, language of negotiation, etc. by drawing on the multilingual repertoire of the group members, etc. each group member participates actively Note down the discussion in a joint document created by the whole team. Include the nature of the 		

	preparation: participation, strategies and linguistic preparation (short list of bullet points)		
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3.2.	Core competence: Camulticultural context Skills / strategies: Inter Learning outcomes: Wo	Level of mastery / Percentage	Comment	
		Collaboration to produce in common the model (with lego blocks); both teams A and B work together, each person participates actively in the discussion to obtain a common result and based on a consensus		
Assessment criteria and task specification	Openness I: Tolerance of ambiguity - Acknowledgement - Adaptation	 Sub-task 3.2.1 Participate actively in the cooperation/negotiation even if the situation is unclear Interact constructively, highlighting common ground Act calmly 		
	Openness II: Respect of otherness - Curiosity - Neutrality - Making explicit	 Sub-task 3.2.2 Enable others to clearly understand one's own method of functioning, points of view, values and representations Express acceptance of different ways of functioning, points of view, values and representations Compare differences and similarities and systematically seek common ground 		
	Adaptability I: Behavioral flexibility - Acknowledgement - Identification - Adaptation - Common ground	 Sub-task 3.2.3 Suggest alternatives and/or solutions, make suggestions, clearly explain your team's position; argue for and defend that position Listen to others' contributions and reactions and build on them Adapt to the circumstances and accept compromise when appropriate 		
	Adaptability II: Communicative awareness - Self-knowledge - Questioning - Clarification - Adaptation	 Sub-task 3.2.4 Adapt means of communication (invite others to express themselves, paraphrase and summarize if necessary in different languages of your multilingual repertoire, check understanding (e.g. by repeating, reformulating, giving examples, translating, helping others to understand each other) and adapt style (direct, indirect, register) to ensure understanding Clarify possible misunderstandings 		
	Knowledge I: Knowledge discovery - Way of functioning - Differentiation	 Sub-task 3.2.5 Ask pertinent questions to become more aware of others' conventions, customs, requirements and rules, and to fully understand different positions Explain own conventions, customs, requirements and rules Compare different conventions, customs, requirements and rules 		

Overall achievement for task 3 Circle what applies

Level of mastery	Inadequate	Basic	Satisfactory	Full	Overall achievement for task 3
Percentage %	0 – 49.9 %	50 – 59.9 %	60 – 79.9 %	80 – 100 %	

Appendix

Role play cards (teams only have information about their own team A or B)

Team A (local architects/engineers): You are all shell-shocked after the catastrophe, the families are desperate. You must act quickly! You have been looking forward to receiving the NGO's help, but you are also afraid of being dominated by them. For you:

- 1) The colour blue cannot be used for the walls (e.g. for religious reasons or other beliefs).
- 2) Your team wants to build a pointed roof, as it will be more efficient during heavy rain.
- 3) For ecological reasons, all the material should be used to avoid waste.
- 4) Define a group strategy and put forward a few ideas for the model.

Team B (NGO architects/engineers): You are enthusiastic about helping the local population and discovering another lifestyle, but you fear that the differences will be pronounced and could cause obstacles. For you:

- 1) The project must be completed rapidly with the kit sent from Europe
- 2) Suggest a house on stilts (pile dwelling) as it is safer in case of sudden flooding.
- 3) Your team prefers a flat roof as it is quicker to build.
- 4) You don't necessarily have to use all the material provided.
- 5) Define a group strategy and put forward a few ideas for the model.



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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Institution	University: Université de Lausanne, CH			
	Faculty: Centre de langues			
Programme	Programme: transversal			
	Module/Course: several programmes			
Cycle	■ BA ■ MA □ Other please specify			
Expected learning	- Understand and critically analyse a wide range of texts and text types including abstract,			
outcomes of programme/	structurally complex and lengthy writings in different languages			
module/course/	 Within one's own multilingual repertoire, understand a text written in one language and summarise it in another language 			
	- Present detailed information on a wide range of topics and on complex issues in different languages			
	- Identify and interpret information in its cultural context			
	- Work purposefully in multicultural groups, negotiating and cooperating in order to optimise communication to achieve goals			
	 Use a variety of strategies to manage the coexistence of several languages and employ one's own multilingual profile to strengthen, enrich and diversify access to information, processing, retaining, classifying and communicating information Reflect on one's own spoken interaction strategies and design ways to improve them 			
Number of ECTS	3 for a one semester language and communication course			
Type of assessment	☑ Continuous ☐ Final exam ☐ Validation of module ☐ Other please specify			



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