

# REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA FACULTY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



#### **COURSE SYLLABUS**

### **Intercultural Communication**

**Credits**: 6 ECTS

**Course Load**: 30 hours of lectures, 30 hours of seminars

**Year / Semester**: Year I, Semester I **Course Type**: Mandatory course

Study Program: Master of Science in Trilingual Intercultural and Touristic Communication

Code of Ethics: UT Code of Ethics (Articles 4, 6, 7, 9)

### COURSE SUMMARY AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

General Course Objectives: To build and develop the student's intercultural competence by fostering reflection and tolerance towards other cultures in a globalized world. To equip the student with both theoretical and practical knowledge of intercultural communication, focusing on concepts such as culture, identity, diversity, acculturation, and cultural transformation. To encourage a critical and integrative approach to contemporary cultural realities, promoting intercultural interaction as a condition for coexistence, social development, and mutual respect.

# Specific Course Objectives:

- 1. To identify and analyze the fundamental concepts of culture and intercultural communication, including notions such as stereotypes, ethnocentrism, cultural relativism, cultural identity, and linguistic and symbolic interaction.
- 2. To develop the ability to apply appropriate communication strategies in real intercultural contexts, taking into account behavior codes, cultural expectations, and the professional environments in which interactions with representatives of Culture B occur.
- 3. To cultivate a reflective and critical approach to the challenges of intercultural communication by analyzing specific cases from personal experience, media, or from the context of tourism and international interactions.

## Expected Learning Outcomes:

- 1. Understand the debates surrounding intercultural communication.
- 2. Become aware of the importance of intercultural communication.
- 3. Understand that the classical ethnocentric worldview has been surpassed.
- 4. Analyze Albanian culture in relation to European culture.