

CULTURAL INTEGRATION OF HOME AND OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Overseas students play a vital role in the success of the University and meeting their multiculturally diverse needs is essential for that to happen. This should be pursued, not in isolation, but in the context of their cultural integration with students from the UK.



Mastery of Language

Develop Intercultural Communication

Understand how to anticipate the cultural problems encountered by international students.



Social Interactions



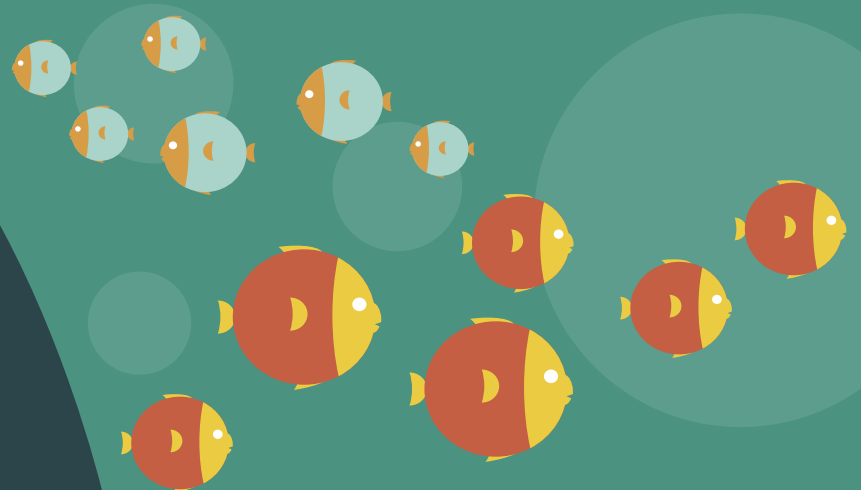
Academic Development

Culture shock

During cross-cultural contact, people see themselves in a much broader context. This can lead to an anxiety-provoking change in perceptions of self and identity, particularly where the identity was previously constructed largely from local social interaction.

Stress

A significant change in culture asks students to develop strategies to cope with the inevitable stress as well as learning new social skills. When overseas students encounter the new culture of the University they can be uncertain about the home people's attitudes, values and behaviours. (Gudykunst, 1998)



Benefits of Cultural Integration

Integration encourages a supportive culture and a sense of belonging in which all students have opportunities to internationalise.