Intercultural Communication Presentation

To learn about the ways in which people communicate in different cultures, you will work in your own intercultural groups and draw upon the expertise of your international classmates. You will then present what you have learned to the class in an informal oral presentation.

The Groups

Form groups of about five students, with each group including a mix of U.S. and international students that roughly matches that of the class. Each group should have a minimum of one non-native English speaker.

The Task

Choose the country of an international student in your group to be the focus of the exercise. (If there are students from more than one country in your group, please limit yourself to just one country.) Ask the international student to describe his/her culture, using for reference the list of questions found in your course packet. If the person knows something about norms of business-related communication in his/her country, discuss that as well. Please try to be as specific as possible in this discussion.

Informal Presentation

Each group will have 6- to 7-minutes to present what they have learned from their discussion. All students in the group should be involved, and the group may use visual aids as needed. Again, please try to be as specific as possible to avoid superficial stereotypes. Be sure to leave some time for questions from the audience.