

University of Victoria.
Issues in Cross-Cultural Communication: LING 397/596 A01.
Fall 2026 (202609). (1.5 Units).



We acknowledge and respect the Łəkʷəŋən (Songhees and X̱w̱sepsəm/Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Łəkʷəŋən and ƳSÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

With gratitude, I recognize my privilege to live, learn, work, and play on this beautiful territory.

Section:	A01.	CRN Number:	12016/12021.
Unit Value:	1.5 units.	Prerequisites:	None.
Contact Days:	Mondays & Thursdays.	Contact Hours:	10:00 am to 11:20 am.
Delivery Method:	Synchronous Face-to-face.	Classroom:	ECS 130.

Course Content.

This 1.5-unit course does not have any prerequisites, i.e., no prior knowledge required.

Today's world is deeply interconnected, requiring us all to navigate and engage with an increasingly multicultural environment. As a result, intercultural interactions have become a fact of daily life. This course will help you understand the nature of intercultural communication and build effective skills for it, using a blend of lectures and hands-on workshops. Note: This course has a cross-listed graduate counterpart (LING 596), providing the benefit of diversity of educational levels and mentorship.

Required Materials.

- Choice of electronic eTEXT **or** PAPER text:
 - eTEXT: Samovar, L. A., Porter, R. E., McDaniel, E. R., Roy, C. S., & Fujimura, C.K. (2025). *Communication between Cultures* (10th ed.). Wadsworth, Cengage Learning. ISBN: 9798214135892
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- Minimum technology requirements for students (see [UVic Requirements](#)). These apply as this course requires some online participation.

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