



Global Agility Micro-Credential Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Use your current international program coupled with this micro-credential's curriculum to make the most of your short-term study abroad experience. Through this combo, you will be able to upscale your core competencies, then learn how to positively position these skills into a better future of your own making. The *Global Agility* micro-credential, offered uniquely through CIS Abroad, will help you enhance your critical thinking, cross-cultural communication, and career & self development skills, while engaging in study abroad - adding global awareness, equity and inclusion to your international experience.

CIS Abroad uses the Minerva platform for all MC coursework. Through asynchronous, online instruction, which includes cultural challenges followed by personal reflections, you will gain insights into what it means to be globally agile by applying this purpose-driven curriculum to current real-world situations, which will deepen your understanding of others as well as yourself. When you finish this micro-credential, you will have a better grasp on what choices you want to make in order to have a more rewarding future.

COURSE CONTENT - 5 Sections (Pre departure, then one per week)

- **Pre-Departure:** Defining Global Agility, Minerva, and Micro-Credentials
- **Week 1:** Ikigai/Finding Your Purpose, Goal Setting and Culture Shock
- **Week 2:** Personal & Cultural Awareness
- **Week 3:** Examining Your Own Cultural Biases
- **Week 4:** Wrapping Up Your Course while Manifesting Your Future

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: All CIS Study Abroad Students

INSTRUCTION METHOD: Asynchronistic online instruction with real-time guidance & feedback

TIME TO COMPLETION: Short-term: Minimum of 4 weeks



EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- ❖ Students will apply their in-class knowledge to real-world, meaningful problem-solving situations where they learn to consider a variety of viewpoints.
- ❖ Students will develop strong cross-cultural communication skills and learn how to succeed in a global culture.
- ❖ Students will augment their ability to self-analyze and set clear, realistic goals.
- ❖ Students will augment their skillset and develop further knowledge and expertise in their desired career field.
- ❖ Students will develop greater cross-cultural leadership skills including independence, resiliency, and flexibility.

SKILLS EMPHASIZED*

- Critical Thinking
- Career & Self Development
- Cross-Cultural Communication

*Categories based on the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) key competencies, described in detail below.

Critical Thinking: Exercising sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems while considering the cultural implications in order to guarantee global equity and inclusion (also a NACE Core Competency).

Career & Self Development: Proactively develop oneself and one's career through continual personal and professional learning, awareness of one's strengths and weaknesses, navigation of career opportunities, and networking to build relationships within and without one's organization, Develop plans and goals for one's future career.

Cross-Cultural Communication: Articulating thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively verbally and in writing taking into account cultural differences.

Course Content has 3 Cultural Deep Dive Themes:

1. Finding your Ikigai/Purpose in Life through Self-Exploration & Development
2. Fostering better Cross-Cultural Communication through Cultural Awareness
3. Career Development through Critically Analyzing Cultural Immersion Experiences



DOCUMENTING ACHIEVEMENT: The specific requirements that must be met in order to earn this microcredential include:

1. Successfully completing each section of the *Global Agility* Micro-Credential online curriculum in order during the allotted time. This includes recording and saving your reflection and goal-setting documents as instructed and actively engaging with and posting responses to the Challenges to Minerva online.
2. Actively participating in the onsite *Local Life* program and receiving a positive final evaluation from your onsite director.
3. Submitting a video, blog, or similar creative deliverable which presents the outcomes/results of your study abroad experience the final week of your program - BEFORE returning home.

Upon completion, students will receive the *Cross-Cultural Agility* Micro-Credential certification along with the *Cross-Cultural Agility* Micro-Credential Badge to post on social media. Students will also be equipped to clearly and concisely explain their certification in any interview, highlighting skills acquired, be it an interview for graduate school or employment.

