

Assignment: Interview an International Student/Local Student

The purpose of this assignment is to learn more about the perception of your own students at your own institution.

Learning Objective:

- being aware of the different expectations with respect to the international classroom
- being able to deal with different views and create an atmosphere of inclusion

Activity:

1. Search one or more Local/International students
2. Formulate a number of questions on the issues below
3. Conduct the interview and summarise

Issues that can be raised with International students are:

- Student/Teacher relationship
- Grading
- Time aspects (past/present/future)
- Indirect communication and group obligations vs/ direct communication individual goals
- Individualism vs. Collectivism
- Hierarchy
- Working with local/international students; the perception of Local/international students in teams

Issues that can be raised with Dutch students

- The added value of International students in class
- Working together with International students (in teams)
- Experiencing International staff
- Communicating in English
- The degree of International issues in the course

Be prepared to share you summary verbally with your course mates

- What struck you most in the interviews (was an eye-opener)
- What did you learn from the interview about your role in education
- Do you plan to adapt anything on the basis of your findings in your education, if so what are you thinking of...

Formative Feedback

Next meeting we'll discuss these issues Hand in a brief summary time/date at the latest to r.g.klaassen@tudelft.nl