

## Intercultural Encounters: Through an Anthropological Lens

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### Course Description

In an increasingly mobile and cosmopolitan world, intercultural encounters play a significant role. Israel in general, and Haifa in particular offer a unique opportunity to explore and experience such encounters at first hand. The course introduces the students to the field of intercultural encounters, from an Anthropological perspective. The sessions address a verity of issues, such as: pluralism, cultural diversity, sameness and difference, identity and belonging, self and other, tolerance, conflict and dialogue.

Special emphasis is placed upon the qualitative study of intercultural encounters, within an overall ethnographic framework, which merges both narrative analysis and material culture exploration. The weekly sessions will be accompanied by several selected readings, as well as other materials, including photos, movie clips, testimonies and so on, which will enhance the class presentations and discussions. However, the main emphasis will be on the “hands-on” experience and practice of *doing* (small-scale) qualitative research, rather than merely reading about it on a theoretical level. Students will therefore be expected to complete a series of practical exercises and assignments, as well as share their experiences with their fellow classmates.