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Division V
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Tübingen - Virtual Intercultural Program

February 5 – April 16, 2027

Course title	Talking Religion - Skills for Difficult Conversations
Course content	In this course, students will develop practical communication techniques for navigating sensitive conversations, using religion as a case study through which to explore dialogue across differences. To provide a common foundation for discussion, the instructor will introduce key concepts, historical backgrounds, and central beliefs of Christianity, Islam, and other religious traditions. Because discussions may touch on personal beliefs and values, the class will establish shared communication guidelines at the beginning of the course to foster an inclusive, respectful, and supportive learning environment. The course welcomes students of all religious traditions, spiritual backgrounds, and secular worldviews. No prior knowledge of religion is required - only a willingness to engage openly and respectfully with different perspectives.
Learning objectives	• Develop effective communication and active listening skills. • Applyl dialogue techniques to discuss sensitive and potentially controversial topics. • Broaden understanding of diverse religious traditions and the role religion plays in contemporary societies.
Method of instruction	The course will take place online via Zoom and the Moodle learning platform. All course materials will be developed and distributed by your teacher.
Academic hours	2 hours/week on Zoom + 1 hour/week on learning platform.
Course requirements	B2 level English
Credits & Grading	4 ECTS
Course language	English
Number of places	Minimum 8
Course instructor	Lucas Ogden
Schedule	Course takes place Mondays, at 5:00pm (German time) First lesson on Monday, February 08, at 5:00pm (German time)