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# NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION



*Today's session is on:*

# Intercultural Communication

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# Introduction



**Jessica Boyle**

International Student Advisor

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## Before We Begin



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today's session to be entered into  
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# Introduction



**Grace Fuller**

Manager, International Experience and Engagement

# Agenda

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- Activity
- Intercultural Communication Theory
- Learning Objectives:
  - Greater awareness of your own cultural orientations
  - Greater awareness of other cultural orientations
  - Greater awareness leading to more effective intercultural communication

# Activity:

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- I will ask you a series of questions/statements
- Share how much you resonate or agree with the statement  
(e.g. "Oh that is 100% me" or "No not at ALL" or "Eh it depends on...")
- Observe how others respond to the questions

# Community Guidelines

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- Speak from our own personal experience
- Using “I” Statements
- Safe Space, Brave Space
- Step Up, Step Back
- No Question is Dumb or Off-Limits
- We are all learning from each-other



# Activity:

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I feel comfortable smiling  
at people that I don't know

# Activity:

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It is customary for me  
to hug family or friends  
when I greet them

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# Activity:

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It is customary for me  
to take my shoes off  
before entering a  
home

# Activity:

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It is acceptable for me  
to arrive 10 minutes  
late to an appointment

# Intercultural Communication lesson in 5 slides or less...



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## Cultural Dimensions



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# Peach vs Coconut Culture

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## Peach Culture

- Soft on the outside
- Very friendly to the people they just met
- Real private self is protected by hard shell of a pit
- Impossible to become “real” friends

## Coconut Culture

- Hard on the outside
- Rarely smile at strangers, do not engage in conversations/small talk
- May not look friendly
- If you break through outer shell, become close loyal friends like family



## Low Context (Direct)

- Clear and direct
- Desires to accurately represent fact, technique or expectation
- Common expressions: “get to the point”, “say what you mean”, “don’t beat around the bush”

## High Context (Indirect)

- Ambiguous Language
- Indirect & Emotionally Rich
- Omits specific factual
- Emotional resonance over precision

**Direct:** exact words that someone said

**Indirect:** exact meaning of what someone said, but not exact words

## **Monochronic**

- Like to do one thing at a time
- Do not appreciate interruptions
- Take time commitments very seriously

## **Polychronic**

- Like to do multiple things at a time
- Willingness to change plans often and easily
- People tend to be main concern
- Concept of time is free-flowing & changes depending on situation

Monochronic tends to correlate with Low Context (Direct Communication)

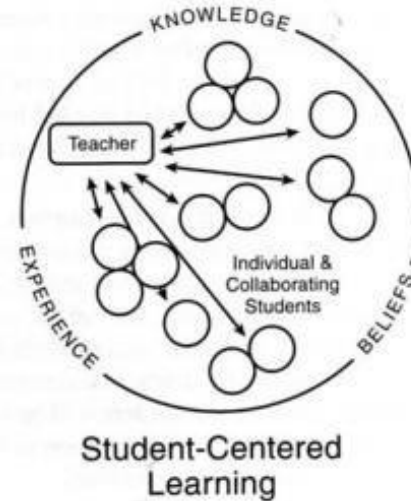
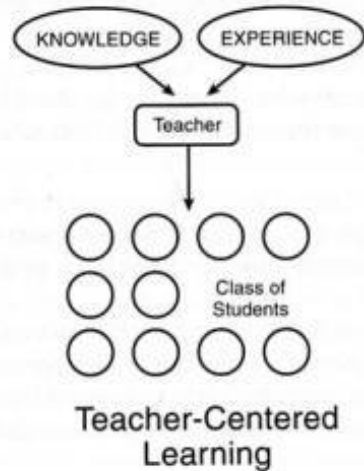
Polychronic tends to correlate with High Context (Indirect Communication)

# Power Distance Index

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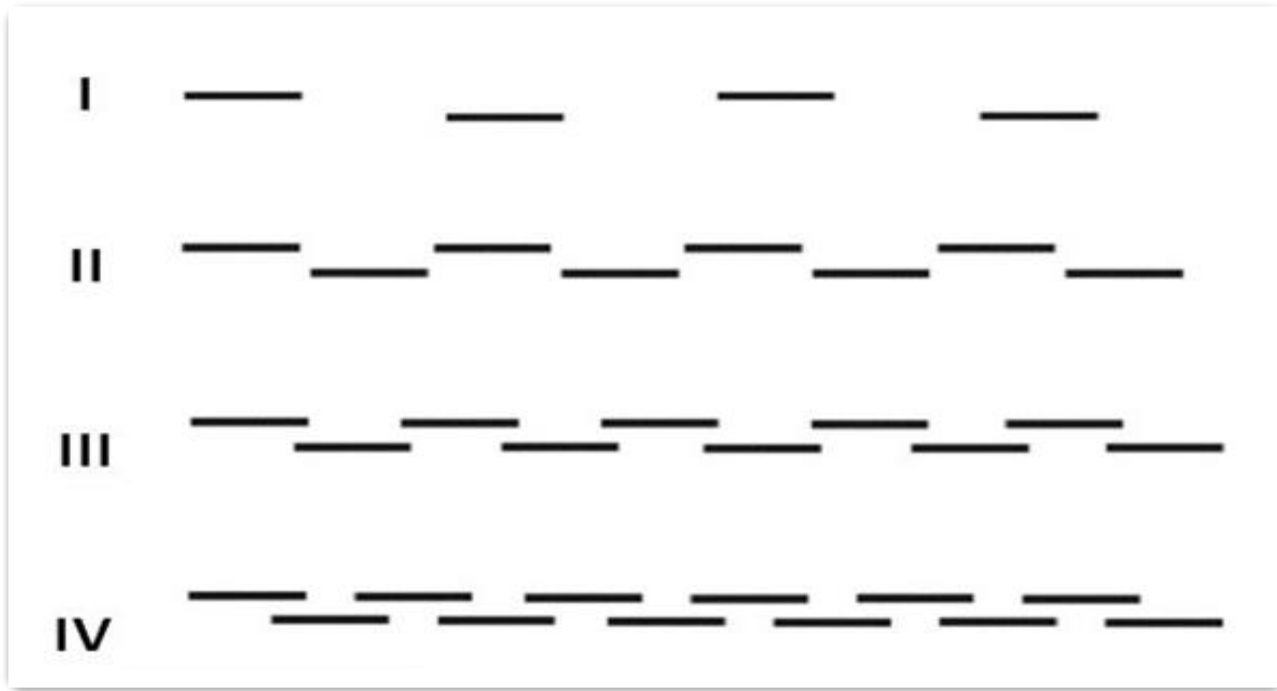
- ❑ Power Distance refers to the way in which power is distributed and the extent to which the less powerful accept how power is distributed
- ❑ May play out in US College Classrooms



# Conversation Rhythms

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# Questions?

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## Global Coffee Hours

- Monday, September 16th: 10:00 am - 11:00am
  - Wednesday, September 18th: 10:00 am - 11:00am
  - Friday, September 20th: 8:00 am - 9:00am
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- UC 409 Dance Hall
  - GET CCR eligible!

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**SAN DIEGO**

**BUS TOUR**

**TOUR DATES:**

- September 14
- September 21



TRITON WOMEN'S SOCCER X ISEO  
**BLUE & GOLD  
RIVALRY GAME**

 **UC San Diego**

VS UC IRVINE | TRITON SOCCER STADIUM

**SEPTEMBER 19** | FAN FEST AT 6 PM  
GAME AT 7 PM


INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, READY TO SHOW  
YOUR TRITON SPIRIT?

COME ENJOY FREE PIZZA, FUN GAMES, A CHANCE TO WIN  
PRIZES, MAKE SOME POSTERS, AND ENJOY SOME TRITON  
WOMEN'S SOCCER ACTION!



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UC San Diego INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

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**INTERNATIONAL  
MIXER**

Wednesday, Sept 25 | 5 pm | Great Hall



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## INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIAL

Tuesday, Sept 17 | 5 pm - 7 pm  
Dirty Birds at Price Center, UCSD

Register at  
[iEvents.ucsd.edu](https://iEvents.ucsd.edu)

FREE FOOD  
• first come, first served • first come, first served • first come, first served

The poster features a yellow background with a blue sky and palm trees at the bottom. A stylized building is in the center. The text is in bold, dark blue and black. A yellow starburst contains the text 'FREE FOOD' and 'first come, first served' repeated three times.



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## GAP MIXER

Thursday, Sept 26 | 2:30 pm - 4 pm  
Eucalyptus Grove

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# Meet-Ups

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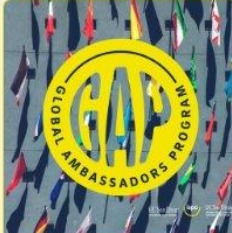
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## iEvents Calendar

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If you are a student, events labeled with the tag #GetCCR count towards your [Co-Curricular Record](#). Learn more at [GETCCR.ucsd.edu](https://GETCCR.ucsd.edu). The central audience for iEvents consists of international students and scholars. Check out our [population information](#) if you are not sure of which audience you are!


### Events from Jun 25th



**Fri Apr 12th 2:00pm - Sun Jun 30th 11:59pm**


Undergrads: Sign Up to be a GAP Mentor this Summer!

The Global Ambassadors



**Mon May 13th - Sun Jun 30th**


Graduate students: Sign Up to be a Grad Pals Mentor this Summer!



**Tue Jun 25th 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

Travel and Re-entry Workshop

This workshop is for faculty and scholars in nonimmigrant visa classifications sponsored by USCIS. Participants will receive information on the application process and the requirements for the application.



**Wed Jun 26th 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Wednesday Coffee and Crafts

Wednesday Coffee and Crafts is an informal, social gathering that provides attendees an opportunity to connect with other students and faculty members.

# GET CCR Program

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# Survey

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### Final Reminders

- Submit your Check-In Form via iPortal (see instructions at [iCheckin.ucsd.edu](https://iCheckin.ucsd.edu))
- Register for other iOrientation sessions at [iEvents.ucsd.edu](https://iEvents.ucsd.edu)
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