

## Webinar #2, Fall Semester 2017:

### Pre-Departure Cultural Preparation Courses: The “Nuts and Bolts” of Course Design and Implementation in a University Setting

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This webinar will add new resources to a practitioner’s toolbox as it relates to the development and implementation of university courses on cultural understanding. Dr. Adam Henry will speak to his teaching experiences and dissertation research that focuses on a credit-bearing course that introduces university students to intercultural awareness, understanding and development. While the course is informed and supported by theory and research findings that will be briefly discussed, this webinar will focus on how to utilize the experiences and research of the presenter as a platform to examine the “how” of developing a pre-international experience course. How do you design courses like this and what are the outcomes? How do you determine the course objectives and content? What should be considered before implementation?

#### Learning Outcomes: Participants in this webinar will be able to:

- Examine the purpose of pre-international interventions to maximize intercultural growth among study abroad participants;
- Understand the “nuts and bolts” in designing and implementing pre- international experience courses;
- Explore course curriculum methods and activities that will lead to successful unpacking and deeper analysis of intercultural experiences;
- Identify practical ways this information can be immediately utilized to enhance students’ intercultural learning.

#### About the Presenter

Dr. Adam Henry is Director of the Study Abroad Office at Arizona State University (ASU), and Faculty Associate for the ASU School of Politics and Global Studies. Since designing the course, *Foundations of Cross-Cultural Awareness*, he has developed *Introduction to Intercultural Competency* to guide graduate students through their own cultural journey. He was recently a subject matter expert and instructor of the U.S. State Department grant funded massive open online course: *Study Abroad USA: Building Capacity for US Institutions*. As Director of the ASU Study Abroad Office, Adam helps direct the long-term vision of study abroad at ASU and its connection across disciplines. He leads the office and works closely with a wide array of ASU faculty and senior administration to develop and advance study abroad goals and initiatives for the institution. He is passionate about better understanding what students learn abroad, and discovering additional ways to see them maximum their intercultural learning.