Working with International Students

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Today’s aims

Help you to gain a brief understanding of:

- The international student experience in a variety of contexts, and
- The associated challenges faced by international students throughout their student journey.
- Highlight some useful resources

- Limited time - Car Park
- Q&A during the break
Some figures:

26,642
42%
154

*2018/19 academic year
In which contexts do you interact with international students?
In groups: What challenges may be faced by international students?

Consider the whole student journey:
• pre-arrival, arrival and welcome
• during and after studies
Challenges faced by international students

- **Admin/Daily**
  - E.g. Accommodation, visas, supermarkets, transport

- **Living/Social**
  - E.g. making friends (home, international and UK); independent; living; clubs & societies; finances; Christmas on campus

- **Academic**
  - E.g. Independent study; challenging lecturers; plagiarism & collusion

- **Home life**
  - Cultural transition

- **Homesickness**

- **Family pressure**

**Language**
Some things to be aware of:

- Different accents
- Language confidence
- Slang & idioms
- If I admit I’m struggling it will affect my grade
- Cultural taboos (mental health/sexual orientation)
- Body language vs actual language
- Saving face/potential for social embarrassment
How do these challenges impact you?
What can you do to help improve the international student experience?
Further resources:

• LDC training – working with international students
• Access our Intercultural Training online modules: [www.warwick.ac.uk/interculturaltraining](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/interculturaltraining)
• Register for UKCISA’s “Understanding International” online course
• [www.ukcisa.org.uk/Training--Events/Understanding-international/What-is-Understanding-International](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Training--Events/Understanding-international/What-is-Understanding-International)
Car park and Q&A:

- Thank you for coming
- Feel free to grab a coffee!