

COM263 Intercultural Communication

INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCY PROFILE

(Based upon Milton J. Bennett, Ph.D. Model of Intercultural Sensitivity)

Directions: Write an X in front of each statement below that you strongly agree with or believe about yourself when encountering new cultures or being in your own culture.

- 1___ Live and let live, that's what I say.
- 2___ I wish these people would just talk the way we do.
- 6___ Everywhere is home, if you know enough about how things work there.
- 3___ The key to getting along in any culture is to just be yourself—authentic and honest!
- 4___ The more distance the better—more difference equals more creative ideas!
- 1___ All big cities are the same—lots of building, too many cars, McDonalds.
- 6___ I feel most comfortable when I am bridging differences between the cultures I encounter and know.
- 2___ Even though I'm speaking their language, they're still rude to me.
- 4___ You certainly wouldn't want to have all the same kind of people around—the ideas get stale, and it's boring.
- 1___ What I really need to know about is art and music.
- 3___ I have this intuitive sense of other people, no matter what their culture.
- 4___ I always try to study about a new culture before I go there.
- 1___ As long as we all speak the same language, there's no problem.
- 2___ These people don't value life the way we do.
- 3___ Technology is bringing cultural uniformity to the developed world.
- 5___ When travelling or living in a foreign country, I should be able to adapt to some cultural differences.
- 4___ The more cultures you know about, the better comparisons you can make.
- 1___ The main concerns I have involve knowing how to get around and ordering in restaurants.
- 2___ Boy, could we teach these people a lot of stuff.
- 2___ What a sexist society!
- 3___ No matter what their culture, people are pretty much motivated by the same things.
- 1___ I never experience culture shock.
- 2___ These people are so urbane and sophisticated, not like the superficial people back home.
- 3___ If people are really honest, they'll recognize that some values are universal.
- 1___ All I need to know about is politics and history—I can figure out the rest of it as I go along.
- 4___ I want to learn the foreign language of immigrants who live in my community.
- 2___ I am embarrassed by my own compatriots, so I spend all my time with the local natives.
- 1___ With my experience, I can be successful in any culture without any special effort.
- 1___ There are no differences between men and women.
- 3___ It's a small world, after all!
- 5___ The more I understand another cultures, the more I make effort to learn their language.
- 2___ I wish I could give up my own cultural background and really be one of these people.
- 4___ Sometimes it's confusing, knowing that values are different in various cultures and wanting to be respectful, but still wanting to maintain my own core values.
- 5___ I have close friends of each gender.
- 6___ I truly enjoy participating fully in some or all of my cultures.
- 4___ When travelling or living in a foreign country, I need to be aware of relevant cultural differences.
- 4___ I should learn more about cultures of people who immigrate in order to be effective in my communication.
- 5___ To solve this dispute, I am going to have to change my approach.

- 3___ Customs differ, of course, but when you really get to know them they're pretty much like us.
- 2___ When you go to other cultures, it makes you realize how much better the U.S. is.
- 1___ Do unto others have you would have them do unto you.
- 5___ Do unto others as they would have you do unto them.
- 3___ While the context may be different, the basic need to communicate remains the same around the world.
- 5___ I know that people from other cultures try really hard to adapt to my style, so it's fair that I try to meet them halfway.
- 2___ There is a superior gender.
- 5___ I greet people from my culture and people from other cultures somewhat differently to account for cultural differences in the way respect is communicated.
- 5___ I can maintain my values and also behave in culturally appropriate ways.
- 3___ We are all God's children, and therefore the same.
- 5___ To solve a dispute between me and someone from a different culture, I might need to change my behavior to account for the difference in status between me and my counterpart from another culture.
- 5___ When being around people from another cultures, I have begun to feel like a member of that culture.
- 4___ Men and women have different make-ups, each with their strengths.
- 6___ Whatever the situation, I can usually look at it from a variety of cultural points of view.
- 6___ My decision-making skills are enhanced by having multiple cultural frames of reference.
- 2___ There are some cultures that are better than others.
- 2___ When other cultures do things different than the way mine does, they are wrong.
- 5___ My culture has things to learn from other cultures that they do differently.
- 2___ I should not want to learn the foreign language of immigrants who live in my.
- 3___ When I travel to a foreign country, I should not want to learn some of the language, since everyone there speaks English anyway.
- 5___ To solve a dispute between me and someone from a different cultures, I may have to change my approach.
- 3___ Men and women are the same and equal under God's eye.