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Course Title: Teaching Culture in EFL Classes

Introduction

The "*Teaching Culture in EFL Classes*" course is designed to equip M2 students at Larbi Ben Mhidi University with the knowledge and skills to effectively integrate cultural aspects into their English language teaching. In an increasingly interconnected world, understanding and teaching culture alongside language is imperative for effective communication and language acquisition. This course is structured to foster cultural competence and pedagogical expertise in the realm of English language teaching.

Course Objectives

1. Develop Cultural Competence

- Incorporating cultural components and themes into EFL lesson plans, ensuring a seamless integration of language and culture.
- Demonstrating an understanding of the various teaching strategies, materials, and activities that promote cultural awareness and exploration in the language learning process.

2. Integrate Culture into Language Teaching

- Adapting and customizing lesson content to meet the diverse needs and interests of EFL learners, facilitating a deeper appreciation of culture.
- Encouraging Critical Thinking and Discussion on Cultural Topics
- Engaging EFL learners in meaningful discussions and critical analysis of cultural topics, encouraging them to express their thoughts, ask questions, and challenge preconceptions.

3. Apply Cultural Competence in Lesson Planning

- Promoting cross-cultural comparisons and explorations, fostering a deeper understanding of both the target culture and the students' own cultural backgrounds.

- Providing guidance and facilitation in debates, projects, and presentations that revolve around cultural issues, allowing EFL learners to actively explore and reflect upon cultural differences and similarities.

Upon completing the course, students will be able to:

- Design and implement lesson plans that incorporate cultural materials, such as literature, film, music, and art, into EFL classes.
- Adapt teaching strategies to suit the diverse cultural backgrounds of learners in multicultural classrooms.
- Evaluate and select culturally relevant resources to facilitate language acquisition and cultural understanding.

The "Teaching Culture in EFL Classes" course is structured to empower M2 students at Larbi Ben Mhidi University with the knowledge and pedagogical expertise required to enrich the language learning experience for their future EFL students. By accomplishing these objectives, students will be better prepared to navigate the cultural complexities of the EFL classroom and help learners become culturally sensitive and effective communicators in English.