Projects

2015: Brandenburg Quality of Teaching Award of 2015 (2nd place) for Stefanie Vogler-Lipp in the category “Dealing with cultural differences”

Since 2013: “Quality initiative intercultural competence for the German-French University” (with several cooperation partners)

Since 2012: PeerTutoring Educational Program Viadrina PeerTutoring (funded by the Federal ministry of Education and Research)

2010 – 2012: Schreiben(d) lernen im Team – Intercultural writing teams at the university

2011: Euroregion Project: Integration through competences – Intercultural competences for the border region

2009 – 2010: PeerNet – Training for students as integration coaches

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Peer-Learning in seminar “Building Cultural Competence” in summer term 2016

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The European-University Viadrina is well-suited for intercultural learning and research due to its location on the German-Polish border, the high percentage of international students and its study programs.

The Center for Intercultural Learning (CIL) was launched as part of an initiative, which included the development of an intercultural skills program for the entire university. The goal was to encourage those who are related to the university to be more interculturally aware as well as to integrate international students better. This responds to our principle that intercultural communication, cooperation and integration can only thrive in an intercultural competent institution.

“Intercultural competence means learning from and together with each other, approaching new concepts and seeing the world with open eyes.”

(Nicola Meyer, intercultural peer tutor 2015/16)

Meanwhile the CIL has assumed a pioneering role as an institution that is located at the boundary between research and practice of intercultural learning in an internationalized university context.

Cooperation partners – Networks
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)
- DFH (German-French University)
- University didactic networks
- Intercultural campus
- National universities and universities abroad
- Program “Lehre*n”

The CIL is a decentralized institution and cooperates internally both with faculties and the Writing Center as well as the Center for key competences and research-oriented learning and the International Office. We see ourselves as a skill center and part of a network, which transfers knowledge and communicates actively with other universities and institutions by attending conferences, training and common projects.