

**Fostering Ukrainian Students' Satisfaction with University: Suggestions for Improving Ukrainian Students' Satisfaction with the University Experience Through Support and Engagement**

**LESSON 10**

***SUPPORTING SOCIAL INTEGRATION BETWEEN UKRAINIAN AND LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS***

Perceptions of Inclusion, well-being and Identification with the European Union in Ukrainian university students



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# What Is Social Integration?

- Meaningful interaction between students
- Mutual understanding and respect
- Participation in academic and social life
- Feeling part of the university community



# Why Social Integration Matters



- Reduces isolation and loneliness
- Supports psychological well-being
- Enhances academic engagement
- Strengthens student satisfaction



# Challenges to Social Integration



- Language and communication barriers
- Cultural differences
- Limited social networks
- Hesitation to initiate contact



# The Role of the Academic



- Shapes classroom interaction
- Encourages inclusive group dynamics
- Creates opportunities for connection
- Models respectful and open behaviour



# Creating Inclusive Classroom Interaction



- Mixed student groups
- Collaborative learning activities
- Clear rules for respectful dialogue
- Equal opportunities to participate



# Encouraging Positive Student Contact



- Promote cooperation over competition
- Design tasks that require interaction
- Encourage peer-to-peer exchange
- Support informal communication



# Supporting Ukrainian Students in Social Settings



- Be sensitive to comfort levels
- Avoid forcing participation
- Encourage gradual engagement
- Validate different communication styles





# Beyond the Classroom: Campus Life



- Student clubs and associations
- Cultural and international activities
- Buddy and mentoring programmes
- Informal social events



# Promoting Intercultural Learning



- Value diverse perspectives
- Encourage cultural exchange
- Use inclusive examples and content
- Address stereotypes respectfully



# Creating Safe and Respectful Spaces

- Zero tolerance for discrimination
- Clear behavioural expectations
- Calm and fair conflict management
- Visible support for inclusion



# Small Actions That Support Integration



- Learning and using student names
- Encouraging collaboration
- Acknowledging participation
- Being approachable and available



# Benefits for Students

- Stronger sense of belonging
- Improved confidence
- Better social and academic adjustment
- More positive university experience



# Benefits for the Learning Environment

- More engaged classrooms
- Stronger peer relationships
- Inclusive academic culture
- Positive campus climate



# Practical Actions for Academics

- Design inclusive group activities
- Promote campus opportunities
- Encourage respectful interaction
- Monitor and support group dynamics





# Thank you

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