

## PEDAGOGY

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### **Formation of intercultural competence of foreign students in Russian universities**

The article substantiates the need for a modern specialist to have intercultural competence. The significance of this issue is revealed in the context of training foreign students in Russian universities. Based on the analysis of terms that are close in meaning (professional competence, social competence, sociocultural competence, communicative competence), generalized characteristics are distinguished that allow a more complete disclosure of the phenomenon under study. Approaches to understanding the essence and structure of intercultural competence are considered, its author's interpretation is given. Difficulties in the formation of intercultural competence of foreign students in Russian universities are highlighted, and ways to overcome them are proposed.

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