The ability to make sense and respond effectively to cultural diversity is a skill that is essential in the 21st century.

We prepare our students to learn intercultural relations and to be able to navigate cultural and social situations where you need to be culturally sensitive.

When students graduate from our program, they're prepared for a wide range of careers in the city of Toronto and abroad.

Anywhere cultures are coming into contact with the potential for clashes, our students are prepared to be the intercultural bridges that are needed in those situations.

[In French] So we are very proud of this program. It is unique because it allows at the same time the learning of theoretical concepts on intercultural relations.

Also, the mastery of a language, either French or Spanish. And at the same time, students will have skills that are really practical that will transfer very well to the labour market.

[In English] The two language streams are required. You could think of them as a double major, major in language in intercultural relations, and you get a double major in French or Spanish.

The concentrations in the program are optional, but we do recommend them because they help you concentrate toward a future career.

One of the ways that you can really make this program your own is we have the opportunity to take a lot of open electives.

So a lot of the students in this program use that opportunity to minor in something.

But I think it's incredibly useful for you to be able to make the program what you want it to be.

In addition to French, Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, Mohawk, American Sign language that we teach in the department, many professors actually speak other languages.

With diverse students and professors who represent all those different languages and cultures, I think that our daily interactions are at the very core of our program. What we do is what we teach.

My favourite aspect of the program would definitely be the professors and the faculty that we have here.

They're all so passionate in getting us to know more about whatever topics that interest us, and they're all very knowledgeable and very open to conversation.

They're very easily accessible.

The best thing about taking the LIR program in a city like Toronto is that it's one of the most multicultural cities in the world.

So you get exposure to many different cultures and many different environments all at the tip of your fingers on campus.

[In Spanish] We are lucky that our university is in the heart of the city, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. And that makes it tremendously interesting because it gives you the opportunity to work with, for example, in my classes, Spanish-speaking artists who are doing super interesting things and who have an accent from all corners of the Hispanic world.

[In English] It is a smaller program, so we have a very tight knit community of students that we go through all our courses together, we get to workshop our ideas together, and there is no judgment.

It's all open and understanding.

This program is setting me up for my future by allowing me to gain the skills that I need to be a critical thinker and to also be open to other perspectives in the world that I'm not accustomed to.

Everything that students learn in our classes expands really beyond the academic field, so they will be able to apply all of this in their professional life, in their social life.

I believe that intercultural communication is in our DNA.

Make the world your major. See you soon!

[In French] See you soon!

[In Chinese Mandarin] See you soon!

[In Spanish] See you soon!