**Weekly program of topics to be covered:**

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| **Contact hours** | **Topic** | **Week** |
| **2** | **Course Objectives, Ground Rules and Brief Introduction** | **Week 1** |
| **2** | **What is Culture? Is it definable? Language and its relationship to Culture** | **Week 2** |
| **2** | **Stereotyping --- Meanings, Examples, Negativities and Dangers and what can be done to avoid them** | **Week 3** |
| **2** | **Historical background of English-speaking country (i.e. UK)** | **Week 4** |
| **2** | **Language development and its impact on politics** | **Week 5** |
| **2** | **Relationship between language, people and culture** | **Week 6** |
| **2** | **Language Varieties** | **Week 7** |
| **2** | **1st In-term** | **Week 8** |
| **2** | **Cultural Differences and Similarities Part I**   * **marriage ceremonies** * **deaths and funerals** * **educational systems** * **sports** | **Week 9** |
| **2** | **Cultural Differences and Similarities Part II**   * **foods, meals and times - a comparison** * **clothes** * **families** * **Human Rights** | **Week 10** |
| **2** | **Women and their role in society - past and present** | **Week 11** |
| **2** | **Proverbs and Superstitions and how they represent cultures** | **Week 12** |
| **2** | **“Do”s and “Don’t”s in different societies** | **Week 13** |
| **2** | **2nd in-term** | **Week 14** |

Please note that subjects may change from time to time according to the events that are taking place in the world, their importance and their effects on global or Saudi culture.