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Communication has been highly affected by globalization. Therefore, being an interculturally competent person represents an important criterion for people either at the workplace or on campus. Intercultural competence is not limited to transmitting correct grammatical sentences. But it represents developing a set of knowledge and skills about cultural differences that may impede intercultural communication. Therefore, the present research article focuses on the usefulness of being an interculturally competent person. For this purpose, this research article opts for two data collection tools: focus group interviews and questionnaires, the sample consists of fifty participants. The results demonstrate the merits and advantages that intercultural competence provides and various barriers and challenges that people face, moreover, the results demonstrate appropriate strategies to overcome communication misunderstandings, misinterpretations, and public speaking deficiencies. Finally, the present research article opens the door for further researches in the field.

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