

Supporting international students



**The International Student
Lifecycle – sparqs
Workshop**



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Aim

This module aims to place issues for international students in context by exploring the student lifecycle from pre-entry to exit.



Objectives



By the end of this module you will:

- understand the international student lifecycle and points of engagement/disengagement
- identified what issues may arise within each and across the four areas
- problem solved practical problems for international students

The International Student Lifecycle

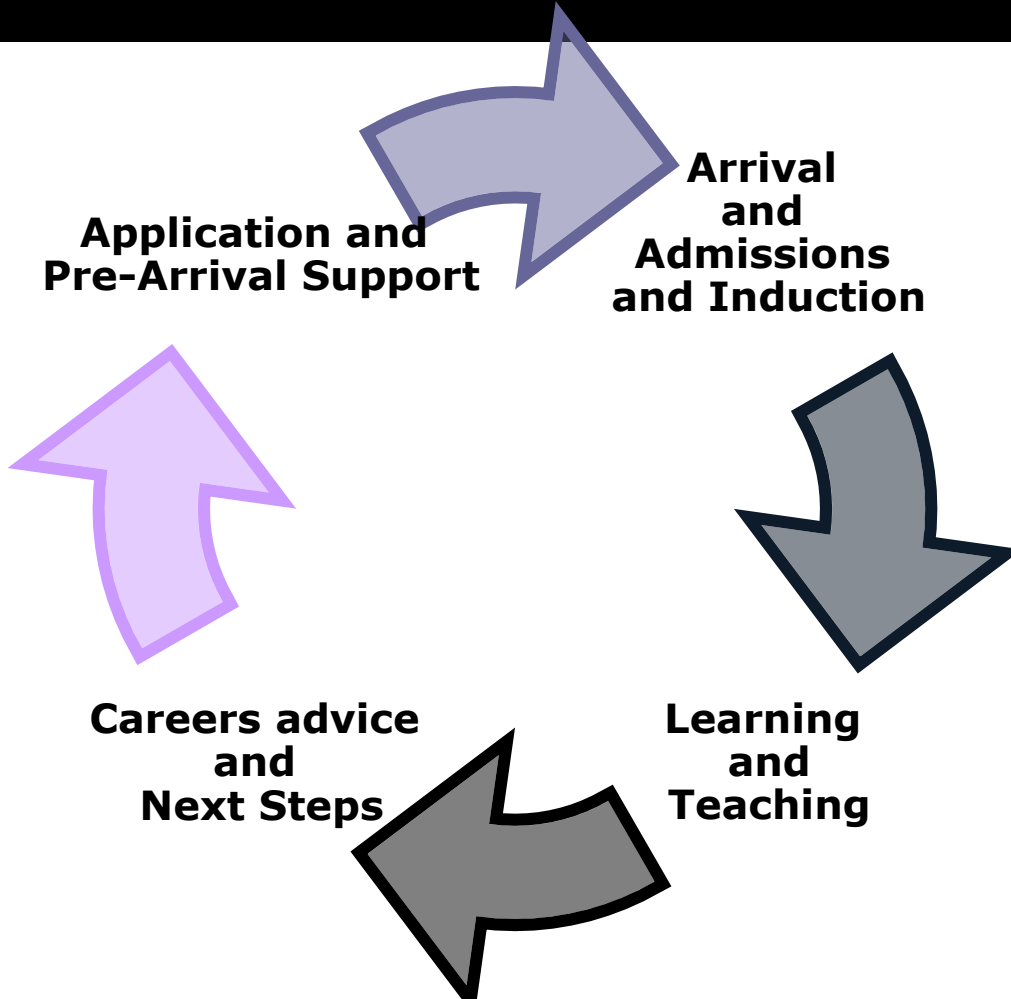


**Application and
Pre-Arrival Support**

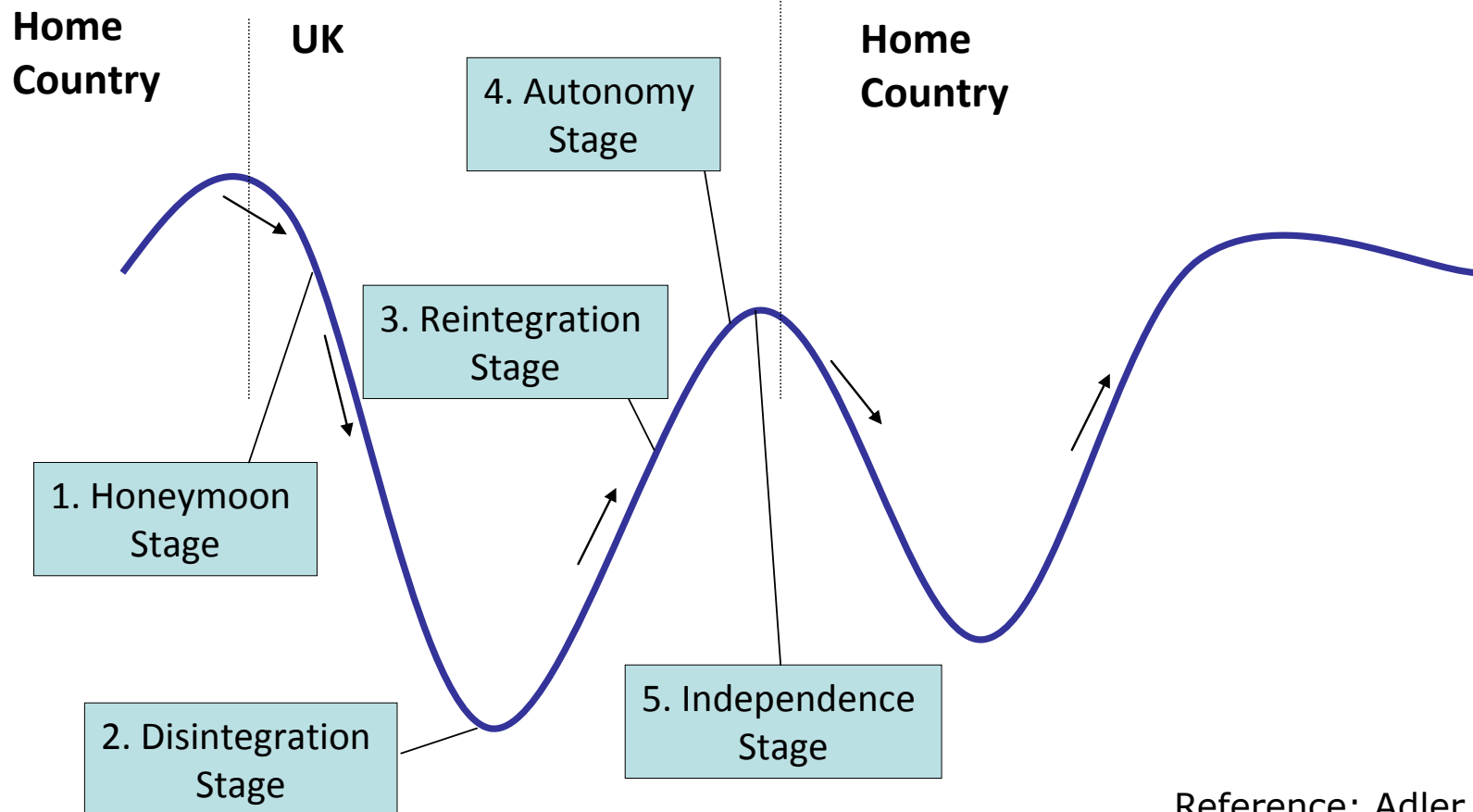
**Arrival
and
Admissions
and Induction**

**Careers advice
and
Next Steps**

**Learning
and
Teaching**



W Curve: Stages of Cross-Cultural Adjustment



Reference: Adler (1975)
"The Transitional Experience, an alternative view of culture shock",
Journal of Humanistic Psychology Vol 15 No 4, pp13 - 23

Task 1 – Group Work



In your groups consider the following questions and note the answers in your workbooks...

- What do you see as the key points in the student lifecycle for integration?
- What impact do you think that cultural adjustment may have on students' welfare; academic performance; social life?
- What impact do you think this may have on other students and staff in the University?

... 10mins

Case Studies – Shine!



In your groups consider one case study letter

- Work through them identifying the cultural, social and academic issues in each case study in your workbooks.
- Which part of the Student Lifecycle do you think these issues fit into?

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Individual Exercise



- Think about the issues that you have identified and what you have come across in your work with International Students. In your workbooks write down areas for development for
 - Yourself
 - Your students association
 - Your Institution
 - Collaborative work between the association and institution

Action Plan



- In your groups think of one key area you are going to improve for students and how you are going to solve this step by step.
- Look at the Case Studies included in your packs for examples!

10mins

Summary



By the end of this module you will have:

- understand what is meant by each of the terms
- identified what issues may arise within each and across the four areas
- problem solved practical problems for international students

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Questions or comments?

Please fill in your evaluation forms!



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