

Center for Global Engagement



International Learning Community (ILC)

What is the ILC?

The ILC is an innovative CSU strategy which was recognized by NAFSA when it bestowed the 2014 Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization. The ILC provides global learning for our students throughout the curriculum while they are on campus. As all ILC classes are “I” designated, they can be used to complete part of the requirements for the International Studies Certificate as an “add-on” credential for an existing major. The key to the ILC is faculty members incorporating co-curricular programming into their existing courses.

ILC provides broad access to campus-based international learning that is holistic

- *experiential as well as theoretical;*
- *at multiple points during a student’s development; and*
- *in conjunction with the various disciplinary approaches.*

How Do Faculty Become Involved?

- Faculty members submit requests for ILC classes to the CGE (for “I” designation on existing courses)
 - February for Fall
 - September for Spring
- Classes are “I” designated (e.g., GEOG 1101I, HIST 1112I, EDSE 3117I, BUSA 3135I, etc.).
- ILCs include lower and upper level classes.
- ILC faculty collaboratively select the theme. (We are embarking on our final year of a three-year theme in 2019-2020, “Migrations: Movement(s) Around the Globe.”)
- Participating faculty members recommend speakers and films that are funded by the ILC.
- ILC faculty choose how to integrate the co-curricular and field trip work into their classes. Some require participation in “X” activities while others require short responses to the activities.
- ILC typically includes 20-30 faculty members each year from across four CSU colleges.

How Does CGE Support Faculty?

- CGE assists faculty in creating course *crns*.
- CGE offers faculty development opportunities.
- CGE records attendance at ILC events and distributes it to faculty.

What Do Students Do in an ILC or “I” Class?

- Join 700-900 students per year who take part in the ILC.
- Choose from 15-20 events during each semester.
- Participate in faculty, student and staff forums.
- See selections from an International Film Series.
- Hear guest speakers from around the country and world.
- Participate in “Global Dialogues,” which are structured discussions led by International Student Service Scholarip recipients on various topics (pizza and refreshments provided).
- Take faculty-led field trips in Georgian and the region (e.g., Carlos Museum, Carter Center, Farmer’s Market, etc.) funded by the ILC.

What Are The Benefits?

- Students can take part in approximately 20 different midday/evening activities each semester.
- For many students these programs might be their only consistent exposure to international content and perspectives.
- Global dialogues with international students are often one of the rare opportunities for our students to learn firsthand from someone outside the United States about different cultural norms, expectations and perspectives.
- Students are more readily able to see the “real world” significance in experiences outside class.
- Students can apply 3-6 credits of ILC classes toward the International Studies Certificate.



ILC events are open to the CSU and Columbus community.