

Columbus State University Global Competency Learning Outcomes for Undergraduate Students

Columbus State University seeks to ensure that all undergraduates will have international learning opportunities that empower them to function effectively in the culturally, economically and politically inter-connected world community. These global competencies will equip our students to contribute to the global community locally and internationally.

A globally competent CSU graduate should demonstrate international and cross-cultural **knowledge, attitudes, and skills** at levels appropriate to the student's academic program. To fulfill this goal Columbus State University will endeavor to ensure that undergraduates obtain the three elements of global competency as outlined below.

1. **Knowledge**—A globally competent CSU graduate should demonstrate a reasonable level of **knowledge** of the following:
 - Historical and current issues in international affairs;
 - Interdependence of peoples and communities across the world; and
 - Global issues within one's academic program(s).
2. **Attitudes**—A globally competent graduate should demonstrate **cultural reflexivity and sensitivity** in his or her **attitudes** as demonstrated by the ability to recognize one's own cultural attitudes and comprehend a variety of other cultural perspectives.
3. **Skills**—A globally competent graduate should demonstrate **adaptability and flexibility skills** by functioning successfully with persons from different cultural backgrounds.

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One of the best sources for information on global competency is the American Council on Education, *A Handbook for Advancing Comprehensive Internationalization: What Institutions Can Do and What Student Should Learn* (2006). The American Council on Education has an online explanation of global competency in its article "International Learning Goals," <http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=2769>.