

Developing Students' Intercultural Competence through a US-Lebanon Collaboration

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Our Report is Based On

- Oswego discussions, self-assessments, descriptions of skills, exam, pre- and post-survey by COIL
- Lebanon emails, individual meetings, reflections on exam, pre- and post- survey by COIL



Attitudes of Intercultural Competence



- Openness
- Curiosity
- Respect
- Empathy

Survey Results: Attitudes

- more open to those from different backgrounds
O: 76.5% (13/17) L: 100% (10/10)
- more interested to work with individuals with different cultural backgrounds
O: 71.4% (10/14) L: 100% (10/10)
- more interested in traveling to other countries
O: 68.8% (11/16); L: 80% (8/10)

Survey Results: Attitudes

- more interested to study in another country
O: 64.7% (11/17); L: 80% (8/10)
- more likely to interact with international students
O: 62.5% (10/16); L: 80% (8/10)
- more likely to participate in international or intercultural activities on my home campus
O: 47% (8/17), L: 80% (8/10)

Intercultural Communication



- Adaptability
- Flexibility
- Ability to Listen
- Ability to understand

Survey Results: Communication

- better able to communicate with individuals who have different cultural backgrounds
O: 94.1% (16/17); L: 90% (9/10)
- comfortable studying with students who don't look and talk like me
O: 65.7% (11/17); L: 70% (7/10)

Survey Results: Communication

- learning another language is a good use of my time

O: 68% (10/17); L: 100% (7/7)

- more interested in learning another language

O: 53% (9/17); L: 90% (9/10)

Self-awareness for Intercultural Competence



- Personal abilities
 - Cultural perspectives
- Personal self-awareness
 - Cultural self-awareness

Survey Results: Self-awareness

- Better able to understand my own culture
 - O: 68.8% (15/17)
 - L: 80% (8/10)

Understanding of Other Culture



- Similarities
- Differences
- Attitudes
- Facts

Survey results: Knowledge of Other Country

- More interested to keep abreast of news and events in my partner country

O: 52.9%

L: 66.7%



Ethnorelative Perspectives



- Sense of culture
- Sensitivity to values
- Cultural similarities

and cultural differences

Survey Results: Ethnorelative Understanding

- more aware and sensitive to cultural differences and similarities
O: 88.3% (15/17); L: 90% (9/10)
- [would do this again] to study with students of different nationalities and cultures
O: 71.4% (10/14); L: 100% (7/7)
- [would do this again] to gain a better understanding of cultures different than own
O: 72.4% (10/14); L: 100% (7/7)

Survey Results: Ethnorelative Understanding

- [would do this again] to enhance my overall communication skills
O: 69.3% (9/13); L: 100% (7/7)
- [would do this again] to meet and speak with students far away
O: 61.6% (8/13); L: 100% (7/7)
- [would do this again] to better prepare me for the global workforce
O: 76% (10/13); L: 100% (7/7)

Conclusions

Questions?

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