

VIU Certificate in Global Leadership – Background Information

Existing VIU Certificates

- a. International Proficiency Certificate
 - Academic: 6-12 language credits; 5 international/cross-cultural courses
 - Co-Curricular: 40 hours volunteering in 4 activities
 - Experience: 12 weeks abroad
 - Final project

- b. International Awareness Certificate
 - Academic: 3 language credits; 2 international/cross-cultural courses
 - Co-Curricular: 40 hours volunteering in 4 activities
 - Experience: 3 weeks abroad
 - Final project

Examples of other similar programs

1. Macquarie University, Australia: Global Leadership Program
www.international.mq.edu.au/glp
 - 10 Colloquia, including 3 compulsory; on-line evaluation form
 - Distinguished Speaker series – compulsory, minimum of 2 per year
 - Experiential credit: 200 points (includes study/work abroad; attendance at conferences/symposia; volunteer positions; approved courses; community service, etc.)

2. Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand: Victoria International Leadership Program www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vilp/default.aspx
 - 12 seminars, including 4 compulsory; reflective feedback via Blackboard
 - Speakers – must attend 5 and submit reflective feedback
 - Experiential activities: 200 points (similar to Macquarie)
 - Condensed version tailored to Study Abroad students

3. Thompson Rivers University: Global Competency Credential
http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/files/2010/06/TRU_GlobalCompetency.pdf
 - 12 points in two or more categories: Additional Language; International Experience (abroad); Intercultural or International Focus (at TRU); Intercultural or International Focus (off-campus)
 - Presentation, poster session or publication
 - Portfolio

4. Centennial College: Signature Learning Experience
www.centennialcollege.ca/AboutUs/SignatureLearningExperience/elements
- Required course – Global Citizenship: from Social Analysis to Social Action
 - Portfolio
 - PD for all faculty
 - Equity and Global Citizenship competencies embedded across college

Examples of other co-curricular programs

Trent University: Co-Curricular Record
www.trentu.ca/studentaffairs/campuslife_ccr.php

Langara College: Langara PLUS
<http://www.langara.bc.ca/international-education/langara-plus.html>

Florida International University: Global Learning for Global Citizenship
<http://goglobal.fiu.edu/Pages/index.aspx>

Keys to a successful program

- Alignment with institutional mission and goals
- Recognition as a credential on final transcript
- Sound program design and adequate resources
- Good electronic communication/recording systems, both for information and monitoring
- Appeal to both idealism and realism – exploit synergy between student idealism and need for recognition
- Inspire global thinking in context of local action.