

Internationalization at Loyola

What Is Internationalization?

Comprehensive internationalization is a strategic, coordinated process that seeks to align and integrate policies, programs, and initiatives to position colleges and universities as more globally oriented and internationally connected.

Internationalization is composed of six interconnected target areas that require strategic attention and resources in order to achieve truly comprehensive internationalization and advance higher education's teaching, research, and service missions.

Institutional Commitment and Policy: Explicit commitment by institutional leaders and policies that align with and systematize institutional commitment.

Leadership and Structure: Involvement of senior leaders and appropriate administrative support, such as a committee or task force that leads internationalization efforts.

Curriculum and Co-curriculum: An internationalized curriculum that ensures that all students are exposed to international

perspectives and provides opportunities to build global and intercultural competence at home.

Faculty and Staff Support: Institutional policies and support mechanisms to ensure that faculty and staff have opportunities to contribute to internationalization and develop intercultural competence themselves.

Mobility: Physical and virtual mobility programs, such as study abroad and exchange programs, collaborative online international learning (COIL) or virtual exchange, research cooperation, faculty and staff exchanges or expertise shared virtually, internship and service experiences, and virtual partnerships.

Partnerships: Partnerships with institutions, organizations, governments, and communities abroad, local and community collaborations, and internal institution networks.

Source: [American Council on Education \(ACE\)](#)

Some of Loyola's International Initiatives

Internationalization Review and Advisory Committee:

Loyola's Internationalization Review and Advisory Committee reviews and assesses the university's efforts in internationalization, serves as an advisory board for all internationalization activities at Loyola, reviews curriculum and risk management issues regarding international academic and service initiatives of the university, and recommends affiliations with partners.

International Admissions and International Student Support:

Loyola welcomes more than 100 students from over 40 countries and works to integrate international students into the Loyola and New Orleans community by providing innovative programs and services.

International Faculty and Staff: Loyola hosts and supports international short-term visitors, tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty, and staff.

Loyola Intensive English Program: The Loyola Intensive English Program (LIEP) provides high quality English as a second language courses for students who want an innovative learning experience in a unique and academically-focused program.

Education Abroad: More than 32 percent of undergraduate students graduate with an experience abroad. Loyola offers high-quality partnerships and programs abroad to increase participation of all students in education abroad without regard to finances, ethnicity, gender, or academic major.

Global at Home: Virtual international programs provide students and faculty with shared experiences across international borders.

Programming: Free annual events showcase Loyola's diverse international community and give students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to develop a global perspective.

- Country Fair
- Study Abroad Fairs
- International Education Week
- International Soiree
- Coffee@CIE
- Study Abroad 101

Student Clubs and Organizations: International clubs and organizations bring together students from all types of backgrounds.

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