



Global Engagement at CLC: Who We Are and What We Do

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Who We Are

The Department of Global Engagement connects CLC students, faculty, and the community with the world through **international student services, study abroad, and campus internationalization**. It creates opportunities for global learning, intercultural engagement, and international partnerships that prepare students to succeed in an increasingly interconnected workforce and society.



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What We do – International Student Services

- Self-sustaining unit with the following tasks:
 - *Recruit and support* international students from admission through graduation
 - *Promote* student success, engagement, and belonging
 - *Connect* international students with CLC
 - *Maintain data* on all of the above. Academic Year 2025/2026:
 - 97 students from 42 countries
 - \$1.12m in revenue
 - Leading countries: Colombia, India, UAE, Philippines (reflects international community in Lake County)

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What We do – International Student Services: *Big Picture*

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DATA FALL 2023+



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What We do – International Student Services: *Benefits*

International students strengthen learning, campus life, community connections, and the local economy.

GLOBAL
PERSPECTIVES

INTERCULTURAL
LEARNING

CAMPUS
ENRICHMENT

ECONOMIC
IMPACT

GLOBAL
CONNECTIONS

Workforce Readiness Global Awareness Cross-Cultural Skills Community Connections Internationalization

Cultural Exchange

New Perspectives

Classroom Engagement

Global Citizenship

Collaboration

Friendship

Belonging

Inclusion

Local Economy

Language Learning

Academic Exchange

Career Skills

Global Networks

Cultural Understanding

Community Engagement

Innovation

Empathy

Retention

Enrollment

International students bring the world to the community college classroom.

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What We do – Study Abroad

- **Faculty-Led Study Abroad** – *Develop and support* short-term, faculty-led programs that combine academic learning with meaningful experiences.
- **Student Access & Support** – *Help* students identify programs, *navigate* applications, *prepare* for travel, and *access* funding and scholarships.
- **Faculty & Partnership Support** – *Work* with faculty and international partners to create academically meaningful and safe global opportunities.
- *Maintain data* on all of the above. Academic Year 2025/2026:
 - 9 faculty and 68 students in 7 countries (*340% growth since 2023*)
 - 53 students received scholarships (DGE, CLC Foundation, Federal)
 - Countries: England, Ireland, Japan, Peru, Poland, Spain, UAE.

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What We do – Study Abroad: *Benefits*



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A stylized illustration of a globe showing the Americas, with a blue airplane flying from the left towards the right, leaving a dashed blue trail behind it. The globe is blue and green, and the airplane is dark blue. The background is white with a green wavy line at the bottom.

Understanding and navigating diverse cultures and perspectives



Thrive in new environments
and adjust to change



Overcome challenges and
succeed in unfamiliar settings



Bring unique viewpoints shaped
by their experiences



Resourceful and self-reliant
in academic and daily life

Listen, express ideas, and connect effectively with others



Collaborate across cultures
to achieve common goals



Think critically and find creative solutions



Understand and value others' experiences and backgrounds



Embrace new ideas, challenge assumptions, and grow



Inspire and influence with confidence and integrity

Develop a deeper understanding
of the world and its people



Build confidence while navigating new places and situations



Learn to embrace change and handle uncertainty



See global issues from multiple angles and contexts



Stand out with international experience and transferable skills



Study abroad transforms our world.

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Vision for the Future – Growth and More Connectedness



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Questions?



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