COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) is a cost-effective way of offering global learning and intercultural experiences to UA students in all disciplines. COIL links students and faculty across borders for shared teaching and learning experiences using a wide variety of online communication methods.

COIL was launched on the UA campus in August of 2018 with a grant from the American Council on Education’s U.S.-Japan COIL Initiative which linked a nursing and a social studies education class to a partner institution in Japan.

COIL allows UA colleges and departments to achieve goals for delivering global learning and cross-cultural experiences to a large number of students in a broad range of disciplines. Courses now include social work, art, journalism, modern languages, political science, and biology.

"COIL gave me the opportunity to interact with peers from different backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs. I find these exchanges to not only be educational but also fulfilling."

"If you want to improve your academic writing and speaking skill, ELI is the best place."

Shradha from India
The Capstone International Center (CIC) is led by the Associate Provost for International Education and Global Outreach. The CIC is the epicenter of international activity on the UA campus — supporting students, faculty and staff through Education Abroad, the English Language Institute, the Global and Cultural Perspectives Minor, International Student & Scholar Services, Partnerships and Scholarships, and other initiatives.

GLOBAL AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES MINOR

This 15-hour minor prepares undergraduate students for the dynamic, ever-evolving social and economic workforce demands of a globally connected world. It examines cultural, economic, physical, and political aspects of being a world citizen in the 21st century. Courses are available in a wide variety of disciplines.

FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

In 2023, UA was recognized as a Top Producing Institution for Fulbright U.S. Student Awards for the sixth time in eight years.

The Fulbright Program is the premier exchange program of the U.S. Department of State. It offers awards to study and conduct research throughout the world. The CIC offers information sessions and advising for both student and faculty applicants working with a team of advisors from across UA’s colleges and departments. In addition, UA hosts international students and scholars who are supported by the Fulbright Program and their home countries to study and conduct research in the U.S.

EDUCATION ABROAD

Education Abroad (EA) assists students in pursuing educational opportunities all over the globe to meet both their academic and personal growth goals. EA identifies, develops, approves, and administers overseas programs that meet UA’s high academic standards and that prioritize student health and safety. UA faculty members lead many programs that students remember as the highlight of their time at UA.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

The English Language Institute (ELI) offers English language training and cultural orientation to non-native speakers of English including international students, professionals, faculty members, and graduate teaching assistants. The ELI’s Intensive English Program frequently hosts international Fulbright and other scholarship program recipients pursuing their education in the U.S.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

1,118 international students representing 88 countries and territories

277 international faculty, staff, and scholars, representing 44 countries and territories

$46.4 million Contributions to the local economy through tuition, fees, and living expenses of international students/scholars

PARTNERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Creating a global experience on the UA campus and beyond is a goal of the Partnerships and Scholarships office. Faculty work with this office to create Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and formalize their partnerships across the globe. Students and faculty work with the office to receive advising and support for international scholarships such as the Fulbright, Boren, and Critical Languages Scholarships.

84 Typical enrollment per semester for International Teaching Assistant and Academic Support Programs

77 ESL enrollments per semester

36 countries represented

Top countries represented: Japan, Saudi Arabia, Columbia, China, Mexico

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provides essential services and innovative programs for international students and scholars, enabling them to achieve their educational, professional, and personal goals. ISSS fosters diversity and strengthens intercultural relationships throughout the campus and community by promoting understanding and respect for all cultures.

75+ Agreements in 25+ countries

110+ U.S. student Fulbright recipients in ten years (2012-2021)

90 Foreign Fulbright recipients hosted by UA from Fall 2016 to present

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