GLCP Starters-not-completers: Feedback Spring 2012


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Global Leadership Certificate Program
In Fall 2011, the International Center's International Education Office launched a new opportunity for undergraduates called the Global Leadership Certificate Program. International students, study abroad returnees, New Americans, and other students interact in small groups, with an advisor, both in person and through an online community. After an initial 90-minute seminar students establish goals, undertake a series of internationally-focused activities, and write reflection papers about the international and intercultural components of their student experiences. They get feedback on this writing from a program advisor as well as from peers in the program. Reflection allows meaning-making and learning from international and intercultural experiences. Earning the certificate will help students represent how they have developed the knowledge, skills, and sensitivities to be an engaged leader in our interdependent world. In June 2012 the first five certificates were awarded along with international graduation sashes to signify the students’ accomplishment.

Assessment Project Description

Many students expressed interest in the GLCP upon its introduction. Of those two cohorts of a dozen were formed, one entirely made up of students expecting to graduate in June 2012. Of those who submitted documents and undertook the GLCP, five actually completed the program. We sought to understand why the students who began the program did not complete it.

Unit/Program Specific Goals and Learning Outcomes

Relationship to Think Critically and Solve Problems, Communicate Effectively,
**Student Affairs**  Advance a Plan for Personal, Academic, and Professional Success, Lead in a Diverse Global Society

**Learning Outcomes:**
- Advance a Plan for Personal, Academic, and Professional Success,
- Lead in a Diverse Global Society

**Assessment Project**
- **Start:** 7/1/2012
- **End:** 6/30/2013

**Population/Sample**
All undergraduate students who submitted the required initial goals matrix and goal-setting worksheet by which they indicated their commitment to the GLCP, who were expecting to graduate from UCSD in spring 2012, and who did not complete the GLCP requirements to receive the certificate.

**Type of Assessment:** Other: Please enter text below

**Other Assessment Type(s):** Identification of hurdles to program completion

**Assessment Methods:** Surveys

**Other Assessment Method(s):**

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**Data Collection Tools**
A simple Survey Monkey questionnaire was used.

[Survey Monkey GLCP Drop Qs 2012]

**Data Analysis Methods**
Few enough responses that we read all responses and noticed any unanimous or frequently agreed upon responses.

**Presentation of Findings**

1. What are the key reasons for deciding not to complete the Global Leadership Certificate Program? Please check all that apply in a significant way.
   
   All respondents agreed:
   - too much other work to do, had to make choices about use of limited time
   
   Other responses selected included:
   - no longer felt motivated to earn the certificate
   - already got a job or got into a graduate program
   - thought there would be more contact with peers; didn't meet others enough
   - didn't understand the SharePoint site and that hurdle delayed my getting underway
   - felt disconnected from the group

2. In your opinion, which of these potential ways would improve the program and be more attractive to students?
   
   Unanimous agreement that these would improve:
   - Establish routines with the group
   - have more group social opportunities
   - offer more workshops tailored to the group
   - more proactively introduce students to each other at start

   Moderate agreement that these would improve the program:
set occasional deadlines
set individual deadlines
have more group meetings with content

Moderate agreement that these would NOT improve the program:
increase the number of assignments
form groups with particular academic similarities (ex. major or college)
change the seminar content

Varied opinions whether these would or would not improve the program:
coach more about reflection writing
reduce the number of assignments
stimulate more SharePoint sharing of reflections
assign each advisor fewer students

**Progress:**

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**Summary of Findings**

Clear signals that multiple design aspects of the program need attention, specifically the extent of the time commitment, the mechanisms for participants to be put in connection with each other, and the usability failure of the SharePoint site. Agreement suggests more attention is needed to socially engineer opportunities for the participants to interact in substantive ways in person, that their progress through could use more structure, and that the extent of the commitment is a hurdle to completion for some well-intentioned starters.

**Impact of Assessment**

The design of the program is under review.

**Lessons Learned**

Only a fraction of the population in question responded; greater effort to get responses might help.

**Supplemental Information**

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