Center for Global and Intercultural Engagement

The Center for Global and Intercultural Engagement (CGIE) supports the University efforts to prepare globally competent citizens. To accomplish these objectives, CGIE collaborates closely with colleges, schools, and other units across campus to create a community of students, staff, and faculty that share multicultural and international knowledge, attitudes, experiences, and efforts. We are committed to fostering an inclusive atmosphere for all students and to preparing them for an increasingly complex, diverse, and globalized society. CGIE is comprised of four programs.

1. International & Multicultural Studies (IMS): These programs support and facilitate international study programs, study abroad, international internships, student exchanges, travel resources, global and multicultural faculty training, cultural excursions, and student workshops. The programs include the Global Spotlight Program, mentored research programs, and other engaged learning opportunities for students. IMS also is the primary provider of facilitation, training, and support for the Global/Intercultural Graduation Requirement. This requirement enables all UVU students to gain critical exposure to issues related to cross-cultural appreciation and understanding. IMS is also committed to inclusive teaching practices and approaches that enhance the learning of students from a variety of backgrounds and cultures.

2. Multicultural Student Services (MSS): Our programs provide a full range of support services targeting historically underrepresented populations with an eye toward inclusion of all students across campus. The mission is to promote educational opportunities and intercultural enrichment for diverse students and the wider campus community. Our programs aim to nurture student achievement and develop relationships that support student success, academic growth, retention, and completion of educational programs. Services include general academic advising, registration and financial aid help, student leadership programs, multicultural club advisement and support, academic and social events, and initiative programs that provide specific resources for Latino, LGBT, Native American, and Pacific Islander student populations.

3. International Student Services (ISS): Our programs provide advisement and support on visa, employment, and academic issues for UVU’s international student population. Students with questions regarding immigration, visa, or related issues may visit one of our advisors in LA 114. ISS activities including orientations each semester for all new international students, managing the federally mandated Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to ensure that all international students at UVU are legally “in status,” and providing a variety of services designed to promote the academic success of our international students.

4. International Affairs & Diplomacy (IAD): Our office advances UVU’s presence and reach in the international community through cultural exchanges, diplomatic visits, economic development partnerships, and other related activities. Programs include the