

What is COIL?



COIL is Collaborative Online International Learning

COIL uses technology and the Internet to bring diverse faculty and students together--across borders of time, space, language, culture, and discipline--to engage in peer-to-peer intercultural dialogue and meaningful projects. Since COIL is embedded within the curriculum, participating students gain access to the world and its diversity without incurring any additional cost.

COIL is Intentionally Designed

Faculty partners in the same or complementary disciplines work together to embed COIL into their syllabi. COIL exchanges usually last 4-8 weeks and involve three fundamental design components:

Icebreakers

Students engage in activities that help them get to know each other and their unique perspectives in order to create trust and social presence.



Collaborative Task

Students use tools like WhatsApp and Google Docs to work on complex challenges that they could not complete by themselves.



Reflection

Students reflect on their experiences and incorporate their learning into new knowledge about themselves, others, and the world around them.

COIL is Powerful Global Learning

Global Citizenship

COIL faculty and students exchange and connect different ways of approaching common disciplinary and interdisciplinary objectives, developing a mindset of positive interdependence.

Intercultural Competence

COIL helps faculty and students develop new ways of relating and communicating with peers who may not share their home culture, ethnicity, language, or perspective.

Lifelong Learning

COIL's project-based focus increases participant motivation to pursue more global learning opportunities: travel, study, research, service, and internships abroad.