**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.

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