

Going Global Without Leaving Home: Virtual Global Learning Explained

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WHAT?

Connecting students and faculty **virtually** across the world for collaborative projects and discussions as part of a course.

Helping students develop global awareness and intercultural competency.

WHY?

Virtual global exchange, VGE, represents an effective approach to developing cultural awareness among students through intentional online academic collaboration with peers from around the world. It is also a great avenue for initiating or deepening a partnership.

International travel is not a requirement for global learning. Technology makes it possible for people in different places in the world to meet and learn collaboratively online.

HOW?

1. Learn : USF offers workshops and a Canvas module(s) designed to provide faculty members the tools and concepts to develop a VGE-experience as well as opportunities to match with a partner abroad.

2. Partner: The essence of VGE programming is linking with a partner overseas. Faculty do not need to have a partner identified to begin the process and USF World can help with identifying a partner.

3. Design the experience and integrate it into your current course:

Incorporating a virtual global experience into an existing course doesn't require an expensive technology platform or extensive redesign of your course. It requires an interest in innovative pedagogy, a bit of flexibility and enthusiasm, and some thoughtful preparation. VGE is a proven approach to meaningful online, global engagement.

4. Launch your global virtual exchange course and share your success with

others: You will be supported by USF World and a cohort of faculty who have successfully designed and launched virtual global exchange experiences and projects previously.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Virtual global exchanges are technology agnostic.
- A virtual global experience is flexible and can range from a shared reading assignment to full integration into a course
- Asynchronous, synchronous or both – you choose!

Learn more: <https://www.usf.edu/world/for-faculty/global-classroom/index.aspx>