

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONALIZATION LABORATORY

Charge and Goals

The Internationalization Laboratory, created with support of the American Council on Education (ACE), provides leadership for a systematic and collaborative approach to global education at CCSU. The Laboratory is a project of the ACE's Internationalization Collaborative, a learning consortium of more than 60 institutions that provides a forum for the sharing of ideas and practices that promote global education goals.

Members of the Laboratory work as a leadership team to develop both a strategy for the comprehensive internationalization of the campus community, as well as a means to assess CCSU achievement. The work of the Laboratory, which began in September 2008, is directed by Professor Lilian Uribe, Chair of Modern Languages, and Nancy Birch Wagner, Director of the Center for International Education.

The University continues to be well poised to take this major step. International education is firmly embraced in the CCSU statement of Mission and Vision – “be global in perspective and outreach,” and it is on the short list of our Institutional Goals – “to promote global awareness and respect for diversity.” Working together as a team, the Laboratory members shall assess, plan, and promote the strategies for internationalization that best realize these aspirations.

To that end, the charge of the CCSU Internationalization Laboratory is to:

- review and assess Central's current internationalization efforts;
- develop a plan for increasing study abroad participation, rigor, faculty engagement, and oversight;
- develop a plan for the integration of global education into the curriculum;
- recommend ways to integrate global education and community engagement, as well as global education and diversity;
- investigate funding sources for programming and course development; and
- serve as the leadership team for the ACE Internationalization Laboratory.

For its part, the ACE has promised to assist Central in the following ways:

- review current institutional internationalization activities;
- identify challenges and obstacles;
- develop an action plan and desired student learning outcomes;
- recommend internationalization goals and strategies;
- define key issues, facilitate dialogue, promote collective thinking; and
- build support for the globalization process across campus.

To meet its goals, the Laboratory will work closely with appropriate administrators and with all departments and schools of the University. Outcomes, plans, and achievements of the Internationalization Laboratory will be posted on its web site and announced widely.