DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

DCGE

Quinnipiac University fosters respect for everyone by honoring the differences inherent among people. As an intellectual community of learners and scholars, we recognize and appreciate our common humanity. Acknowledging that we live in a pluralistic society, we have a genuine desire to ensure that all members of the Quinnipiac community feel empowered to express their own individuality. These principles underscore our central mission of teaching and learning and are vital to achieving national prominence and excellence in education. They also serve as the foundation for promoting the economic, social and cultural well-being of our community, our nation and beyond.

The role of the Department of Cultural and Global Engagement (DCGE) is to engage the campus and surrounding community and to help define, enable and foster an inclusive campus culture that embraces the diversity of identities, ideas and values. For more information, please contact the office at 203-582-7987.

The Department of Cultural and Global Engagement promotes and sustains multicultural and global education by mentoring and advising students, facilitating transformative cultural experiences, preparing students to be responsible global citizens and enhancing creative and critical thinking through local and global academic engagement.

We believe in working in the intersection of internationalization and multicultural education, which provides intentional opportunities for faculty, staff and administrators to:

- Help students understand diversity, equity and social justice in a global context.
- Develop cultural humility.
- Broaden attitudes and experiences for students such as study abroad, community-based global learning and courses with a travel component.
- Examine values, attitudes and responsibilities for local/global citizenship.
- See how power and privilege are shifting the local/global context.
- Prepare students to cooperate and compete in a multicultural and global workplace.

Multicultural Education

Multicultural education provides advocacy for the cultivation of a sustainable campus environment that is supportive of a diverse student body. This area:

- Works collaboratively with academic and administrative units to foster intercultural dialogue and programming.
- Delivers academic and social mentorship for underrepresented students to live, work, lead and succeed in a multicultural and global world.
- Assists cultural student organizations in leadership development, program planning and advising to enhance their active engagement and participation in the University and local community.
- Offers programming and training that enhances the Quinnipiac community’s understanding and appreciation of various social identities including race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class and other cultural identities.

- Provide space for high impact learning around issues of diversity, equity and justice through intergroup dialogues.
- Offers transitional support for incoming students of color, first generation and international students through programs such as the QUEST Mentoring Program.
- Provides opportunities for students and faculty to learn about, embrace and celebrate diverse ethnic, racial and cultural identities through trainings, workshops and programming.

Global Education

At Quinnipiac University, we feel a sense of obligation to work toward a more diverse environment. We do this by increasing intentional global engagement opportunities for students, faculty and staff to learn both in and outside the classroom. We envision a diverse university community that develops responsible and engaged citizens by cultivating the cultural awareness and sensitivity, skills and knowledge necessary to participate respectfully in the global community.

The following opportunities are available:

Semester abroad – Students have an opportunity to study for a full semester (ranging from 4 to 6 months) at an international institution. Depending on the student’s major, they can participate as early as spring semester of their first year or any semester from sophomore through senior year.

Intersession – Short-term programs are offered during the winter or summer breaks. There are opportunities for faculty-led programs abroad, or programs offered through partner institutions.

Clinicals – Students from certain majors can fulfill some of their clinical affiliation or fieldwork with international partners.

Internships and experiential learning – These opportunities integrate the knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting.

Community engagement – Students can participate in community-driven learning experiences by living with host families and engaging with long-term global partners.

Research – Students partner with Quinnipiac or international faculty to conduct and participate in independent or capstone research projects.

Exchange – This program involves a direct exchange of faculty and/or students between international partners for a semester or short-term period.

The Department of Cultural and Global Engagement supports students throughout their global education experiences by offering the following services:

- Pre-departure workshops
- Re-entry workshops
- Advising and mentorship
- Opportunities for students to take on leadership roles

International Students

The Department of Cultural and Global Engagement supports the international student population at Quinnipiac University. The department organizes on- and off-campus programs and events that are open to...
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both international and domestic students. From the time of acceptance through completion of the program and beyond, the department provides timely information about immigration benefits along with practical guidance about living as a student in the U.S. Additionally, the department hosts a comprehensive orientation program each semester to prepare newly arrived international students and scholars for life and study at Quinnipiac University. The DCGE partners with Residential Life to host Global Living, a first-year, Living-Learning Community for domestic and international students.

For more information, contact the Department of Cultural and Global Engagement at 203-582-8425 or via email at international.student@qu.edu.