OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Department of Cultural and Global Engagement

Quinnipiac University fosters respect for each individual 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 creative opportunities for faculty, staff and administrators to:

- Help students understand multiculturalism and social justice in a global context.
- Develop intercultural skills.
- Broaden attitudes and experiences for students such as study abroad, global service 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 that enhances students’ 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

Global education promotes, supports and develops a wide range of international and intercultural opportunities for all members of the community. This office:

- Provides international experiences through education abroad.
- Maintains a supportive and stimulating environment for international students, faculty and staff.
- Hosts events and programs to increase the international activities at Quinnipiac.

See separate section for Study Abroad (https://catalog.qu.edu/academics/study-abroad) information.

International Services

Many Quinnipiac academic programs have developed one- to two-week programs that take place during winter, spring or summer break. These trips enable students to put their knowledge into use while providing service to developing countries around the world. The programs are coordinated with the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Health Sciences, Nursing and Law. For more information, contact the Department of Cultural and Global Engagement at 203-582-3596.

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 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.