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Windows to the World (W2W) Advisor Guidelines

Purpose of the Windows to the World Requirement

Windows to the World (W2W) is one way GSW helps students learn about and explore cultural diversity and inclusion. The aim of the W2W program is to help GSW graduates prepare to engage successfully in GSW encourages students to seek out intercultural learning opportunities in and outside of the classroom:

- To acquire intercultural knowledge, skills and attitudes.
- To explore both how you see people who are different from you, and your own identity.
- To interact with other cultures and other areas of diversity and critically reflect on these interactions.

GSW students are encouraged to attend more than the required six to help build intercultural competencies and skill sets to help them better understand themselves and others.

Who Must Complete the W2W Requirement?

W2W is a graduation requirement for all full-time, first-year undergraduate students as of fall, 2014; this includes all beginning student regardless of how much Move on When Ready (MOWR), dual enrollment, or Advanced Placement credit they have when they enter GSW.

What Are the Steps to Complete the W2W Requirement?

Students in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 cohorts must:

1. Complete the Global Perspectives Inventory (GPI) during University 1000
2. Write a reflective critical essay on the W2W initiating experience
3. Attend six (6) Windows to the World sanctioned events prior to graduation
4. Complete INTL 3900 W2W Capstone

Students in 2019 cohort and beyond must:

1. Attend six (6) Windows to the World sanctioned events prior to graduation
2. Complete INTL 3900 W2W Capstone

How Can I Help Ensure Students Meet the W2W Requirement Before Graduation?

- Check Degree Works to ensure that they are making progress to complete their W2W graduation requirement.
- Once students have earned their sixth W2W credit, please remind students to contact Dr. Judy Orton Grissett at judy.grissett@gsw.edu to be enrolled in the INTL 3900 W2W Capstone course.
- Reinforce the concept that W2W programs enhance and complement the material they're learning in the classroom. While they are only required to have 6, please encourage them to continue going to these programs, as part of enriching their classroom knowledge and their own learning and development, as intercultural competence is a lifelong journey.

How Can Students Find Out About Upcoming W2W Events?

- Students can find out about upcoming W2W events by searching for "Windows to the World" in Canes Connect. Students may also see promotional flyers and digital signage promoting upcoming programs with the W2W logo.

These guidelines have been created to help advisors better understand and explain the W2W requirement to students. For a copy of the "W2W Student Guidelines," please visit the Windows to the World webpage. If you or your students have any questions about W2W, please contact the Director of Experiential Learning, Judy Orton Grissett at judy.grissett@gsw.edu or 229-931-2024.

¹ Association of American Colleges and Universities. (2021). How College Contributes to Workforce Success: Employer Views on What Matters Most. <https://www.aacu.org/sites/default/files/files/research/AACUEmployerReport2021.pdf>