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## **Windows to the World (W2W) Student Guidelines** ***(For Undergraduate Students Beginning Fall 2019 or Later)***

### **Purpose of Windows to the World Program**

Windows to the World (W2W) is one way we help GSW students like you learn about and explore cultural diversity and inclusion to help prepare you to engage successfully in the global and diverse world in which we live.

Acquiring cultural competency is a valuable and marketable skill, as well as a lifelong process. Employers across all professions seek employees who have cultural communication competencies and global experiences and knowledge. A 2021 AAC&U survey<sup>1</sup> with nearly 500 executives and hiring managers found that 89% thought it was very or somewhat important for an employee to possess the ability to communicate/work with people from different cultural backgrounds.

GSW encourages you 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.

As a GSW student, you are encouraged to attend more than the required six to help build your intercultural competencies and skill sets to learn more about yourself and others.

### **Steps to Complete the W2W Requirement**

**Step 1:** Attend 6 W2W sanctioned. You can find upcoming W2W events by searching for “Windows to the World” in Canes Connect.

**Step 2:** Check RAIN to ensure you received credit for attending each event. If you have a question about attendance, please email the Director of Experiential Learning at [experientiallearning@gsw.edu](mailto:experientiallearning@gsw.edu).

**Step 3:** Complete the W2W Capstone, INTL 3900 course requirements. Once you have earned your sixth W2W credit, please email the Director of Experiential Learning at [experientiallearning@gsw.edu](mailto:experientiallearning@gsw.edu) to be enrolled in the INTL 3900 W2W Capstone course. INTL 3900 involves completing a final critical reflection survey in GeorgiaVIEW.

**Step 4:** Check RAIN to ensure you received an “S” for INTL 3900 prior to graduation.

***Attending 6 W2W programs and successfully completing the INTL 3900 W2W Capstone Course is a graduation requirement for all undergraduate students beginning at GSW as full-time, first-year undergraduate students, regardless of Move on When Ready (MOWR), dual enrollment, or Advanced Placement credit earned before entering GSW.***

<sup>1</sup> 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>