INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAM ON GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP (ISP)

FAST FACTS

Within seven years, the ISP has become the largest, most systematic, and most comprehensive program on global citizenship education in the United States. Its focus is on institutional development and change with the goal of enabling colleges and universities to graduate students who are aware of their place in a globalizing world, have a sound understanding the challenges we are confronting, and are willing and capable to make a difference.

The ISP offers a unique combination of a short-term & intense study abroad experience for students and weeklong workshops for faculty and administrators to develop tailored approaches of incorporating global citizenship education into the DNA of their institutions.

Since its inception in January 2004, the ISP has partnered with about 80 colleges and universities across the U.S. from San Diego to New York and from Miami to Chicago conducted over forty weeklong sessions on global citizenship education at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria involved close to 2,000 participants, roughly two thirds students, one third faculty and senior level administrators

By virtue of their involvement in the ISP, partner institutions have initiated the reorientation of mission/vision statements, strategic plans and student learning outcomes to include global perspectives created countless new global education lesson plans, courses, programs, certificates etc built critical mass among faculty and administrators to launch and sustain and institution-wide change process to ‘globalize the campus’ formulated their own, institution-specific response to global literacy of their students

All of this enabling colleges and universities to graduate students who are: aware of their place in a globalizing world have a sound understanding the challenges confronting humanity and the planet and are motivated and empowered to make a positive difference in their overlapping local, national and global communities.

Future plans include creating a web-based platform to share best practice and facilitate inter-institutional learning communities organize regional workshops in the U.S. include universities and colleges outside the U.S. in the ISP make the ISP a recognized voice for global citizenship education in the U.S. and beyond

The ISP is a program of the Salzburg Global Seminar (www.salzburgglobal.org) founded in 1947 by three idealistic Harvard graduate students to launch what they called “a Marshall Plan of the mind”. The ISP follows this tradition by encouraging colleges and universities to become incubators for a global Marshall Plan of the mind.

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