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**SDSU International Affairs Glossary**

**Academic Related Travel** – A non-credit experience related to an academic program or international experience requirement that is organized and or led by an SDSU professor or department. Examples include group trips for research, fieldwork, conference attendance, and theatrical performances.

**Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)**- An SDSU faculty member partners with a faculty member at one or more institutions abroad to co-create a shared module, which is deployed in a virtual format in their respective courses. For details see COIL on the [faculty resources page].

**Course-Embedded Program** - A regular session course with an integrated international experience. Travel can occur before, during, or after the term in which the course takes place.

**Faculty-Led Program (FLP)** - Any SDSU international experience that is led by SDSU faculty and offers students a unique opportunity to gain an intercultural perspective of their studies. Several types of faculty-led programs (FLPs) exist, all of which require approval through International Affairs. Faculty-Led Programs include Global Seminars, Course-Embedded Programs, Transborder Programs, and Academic Related Travel.

**Global Learning:** “. . . a critical analysis of and an engagement with complex, interdependent global systems and legacies (such as natural, physical, social, cultural, economic, and political) and their implications for people’s lives and the earth’s sustainability.” (AACU Shared Futures: Global and Social Responsibility initiative, n.d.)

**Global Learning Outcomes (GLOs)** - Desired outcomes from student participation in any type of international experience or program at SDSU, whether virtual or in-person.

**Global Seminar** - An intensive faculty-led program that takes place during the winter or summer term. The course(s) offered with Global Seminars meet the contact hour requirements and learning outcomes of 15-week semester courses and offer special sessions credit.

**Glocal Course** - A course that focuses on **local action to engage global challenges and opportunities** via the United Nations [Sustainable Development Goals](#). Language and cultural immersion occurs through exploring the richness and diversity of cultures and languages in the local community through cultural interactions, either virtually or in person.

**Transborder Field Trip** - A day trip to Baja California, Mexico organized by a faculty or staff member, academic unit, or student organization.

**Transborder Program** - A Course-Embedded Program that includes travel to Baja California, Mexico.



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**Virtual Exchange Program** - A program administered by SDSU that allows students to pay regular SDSU tuition and fees, but take a full load of virtual courses at one of SDSU's bilateral exchange institutions. Language and cultural immersion occurs through access to virtual cross-cultural events at the host campus, and use of virtual discussion and breakout sessions to connect students.

**Virtual International Program** - Any SDSU international program that is offered virtually. Many types of virtual international programs exist: Virtual Exchange Programs, Virtual Partner Programs, Virtual Internships, Virtual Volunteering/Service Learning, and Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL).

**Virtual Internship** - A program administered by the International Business office or an SDSU-approved partner organization or institution, allowing students to engage virtually in an internship at an organization or company located outside the US. Language and cultural immersion occurs through various types of virtual cross-cultural professional development activities, and regular virtual "face-to-face" meetings with host organization supervisors for feedback and direction.

**Virtual Partner Program** - A program administered by an SDSU-approved partner organization or institution, allowing students to enroll in and receive transfer credit for coursework taught at an institution outside the US. Language and cultural immersion is included, and occurs virtually through language groups, cultural activities, and engagement with local students.

**Virtual Volunteering/Service Learning** - A non-credit program administered by an SDSU-approved partner organization or institution, which facilitates virtual placement with a non-governmental organization (NGO) located outside the US. Proficiency in the language of the host country location is recommended, and students have regular virtual "face-to-face" meetings with host organization supervisors for feedback and direction.