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INTERCULTURAL PASSPORT VIRTUAL MODULE

Implementation & Exploitation

@ Saint Louis University
Baguio City, Philippines

The Erasmus+ FRIENDS project of Saint Louis University promotes internationalization capability building by developing local and international students' global competence through the purposeful integration of intercultural dimensions into the University's formal and informal curriculum.

In particular, the Intercultural Passport Virtual Module is marketed to all Lousian students. Initially, when SLU launched the Intercultural Passport virtual module program in April 2020, it was offered informally to all graduate and undergraduate students, regardless of the year level, to rally everybody to embrace the internationalization agenda of SLU that was motivated by the Erasmus+ FRIENDS project engagement.

Then in August 2020, the program was subsequently absorbed in the undergraduate General Education Social Sciences formal course entitled "General Contemporary World." The GC World is a 3-unit subject that is required for enrollment by all first-year students across all academic disciplines:

- 1) School of Accountancy, Management, Computing & Information Studies (SAMCIS),
- 2) School of Engineering & Architecture (SEA),
- 3) School of Natural Sciences (SNS)
- 4) School of Nursing (SoN), and
- 5) School of Teaching Education & Liberal Arts (STELA).

The Department of Political & Social Sciences Faculty under the STELA is handling the GC World classes with the intercultural passport embedded in the entirety of the syllabus. The GC World is usually offered during the second semester of the academic year. See attachment #1a – GC World syllabus and #1b GC World course learning packets for reference and guidance on how this Intercultural Passport Virtual Module is implemented.

Further, the Intercultural Passport Virtual Module is also offered to those enrolled in a 3-unit master's course at the School of Advanced Studies Accountancy, Business & Management track. This course is named "International Management." The applicability, however, may depend on the faculty assigned for this subject; hence the utility of this intercultural passport virtual module is not automatic. For reference, see attachment #2 – International Management syllabus.

Compliance with MOOC and DS videos is required in the GC World subject. In the GC World, the faculty-in-charge mandates the students to undergo MOOC, but submission of DS video is not compulsory but given extra points. Once the MOOC and DS Video are submitted, the GC World faculty in charge shall direct the student to secure the Intercultural Passport Certificate from the implementer of the FRIENDS project in SLU. Students are informed to



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email Richel Lamadrid (FRIENDS Project Manager) to avail of an Intercultural Passport Certificate upon submission of the DS Video and a copy of the MOOC completion certificate. Once the DS video has been uploaded on the Youtube FRIENDS page, the Intercultural Passport Certificate shall be awarded.

The recipient is advised to include the acquisition of this certificate in one's resume to build it up. What the world needs right now is the possession of a global mindset, global knowledge, and global skills. This certificate included in a student/would-be graduate resume will be a plus factor when one applies for a job someday or be an entrepreneur that may entertain various people from all walks of life, local or otherwise foreign. This certificate will always come in handy and can be utilized whenever applicable.

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