SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Learn how best practices for international students will benefit all of your students. Engage with fellow faculty and staff as we study and discuss supporting diverse student needs in our classrooms.

3 Ways to Participate and Learn

1. Attend Workshops

   September 29, 2017 2–4pm: Who are our students?
   - What are the needs of the diverse international students?
   - How are international student needs different from and similar to the needs of other multi-lingual and monolingual students in the classroom?

   October 27, 2017 2–4pm: Resources for International Students
   - What resources are available to instructors and students on campus?

   December 1, 2017 2–4pm: Just in time support for International Students
   - How, why and when to refer students to various resources

2. Access Resources

   Sign up to be included in our Moodle site where you can access research articles and other resources related to Universal Instructional Design, assessment, and writing.

3. Weekly E-mails

   Bimonthly emails will be sent out throughout the semester. Read and apply or save them for another day. They are intended to help us keep the principles of universal instructional design at the forefront of our teaching in the midst of busy semesters.

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Molly Rojas Collins is a senior teaching specialist in the Department of Youth Studies. She has worked with multilingual and international students for 20 years at the University and in metro community settings. She worked in the Commanding English Program and has taught writing to English language learners throughout her teaching career. She is very interested in learning and teaching about successful strategies that work with students for whom English is not their first language, and how those strategies can benefit all students.

Rhiannon D. Williams is a Research Associate at the University of Minnesota. Her Ph.D. is in Comparative and International Development Education. Her work has involved examining first-year experience programming and how intentional engagement with diversity in the classroom has the potential to support and further develop students' intercultural competence. Engaging in both the local and global community she seeks out innovative ways to support undergraduate and graduate students' holistic intercultural learning as well as her own.

Jill (JT) Trites is director of undergraduate studies and a senior teaching specialist in the Department of Family Social Science. In her 22 years of teaching at the University of Minnesota, Trites has worked as an instructor and an administrator, including teaching ESL to international students, training international teaching assistants in best classroom instructional practices, teaching communications classes to first-year students, and co-coordinating the First Year Experience in CEHD. Her personal passions are teaching undergraduates, facilitating teacher training programs in Mozambique, and pursuing opportunities in global education.

Margaret Delehanty Kelly is a senior teaching specialist in the Department of Family Social Science. She has taught at the University of Minnesota since 2000, teaching in an intensive English language program, the Commanding English program and the First Year Experience Program in the College of Education and Human Development. Within her social science courses, Margaret is especially interested in building community between her students.

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