

Global Experience: Cultural Friend

To qualify, students must complete steps 1-4, provide physical evidence for steps 1-4. Student must include a log of hours spent in fulfilling this experience (maximum 5 of the 30 hours required in total):

Steps	Actions	Details	Evidence
1	Connect and interact with a person(s) from a different culture as a "Cultural Friend" in person or virtually.	Research and locate individuals locally or virtually who are from another culture. Contact 'cultural friend.' Plan and document a schedule of interactions.	Written narrative of how student located the individual(s) and planned their interactions. Log of hours spent.
2	Interact with the cultural friend (total hours of project must be more than the number claimed with the maximum number claimed being 5.)	Eating/preparing traditional foods from the culture. Participating in/with cultural events together (for example: Festivals connected to the culture, seeing plays, movies, musical performances, or viewing art from the culture, attending sports events, listening to a live speaker from that culture, celebrating a cultural/religious holiday) Interviewing the cultural friend about their culture.	A record of interview questions/answers. Journal containing summary or activities and artifacts (photos, ticket stubs, programs, etc.) Log of hours spent.
3	Reflect on experience by answering the assigned questions.	See Key Reflection Questions and Capstone Guidelines	A document submitted to Global Scholars Committee answering the reflection questions (also embedded in the capstone presentation)
4	Present Capstone	Design a product (for example: PowerPoint, video, Prezi, website, blog, ePortfolio, etc.) which includes summary of experience and critical reflection using Step 3 on this and/or other experiences	A presentation which critically reflects on the global experience. Approximately 15 minutes.

Key Reflection Questions

1. How did your understanding of the country/region's culture change after your interaction with someone with intimate knowledge of the culture?
2. Describe one of the cultural events and how that specific event changed your perceptions of that culture.

3. How do you see your experience influencing your future life – academically, professionally, personally?
4. Discuss a challenge you faced from the cultural interaction and how you dealt with it. What did you learn as a result of facing this challenge?