

Assessment Plan of Global Connect Program of International Student Programs and Services

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Element	Response
Student Affairs Functional Area	International Student Programs and Services (ISPS)
Departmental Mission	International Student Programs and Services provides international students support services to encourage the intellectual and social development and promotes better understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity for all students at Arkansas Tech University through cross-cultural interaction.
Goal	Current international students will become more integrated into the extracurricular campus life at Arkansas Tech University.
Outcome	International students in Global Connect program will be able to build connections with American students.
Mapping	ISPS office will match each international student in the Global Connect program with an American student and encourage them to attend more campus events.
Qualitative Measure	<p>Study Participants: International students and their American partners in Global Connect program will be studied. Participants can be identified from applications and partners matching within Global Connect program. A random sample will be used.</p> <p>Evidence Collection: Several random pairs of</p>

	<p>international student and American partner will be interviewed as focus groups. Each focus group will contain four pairs of students. Researchers will ask certain designed open-ended questions during the focus group discussion on their self-perceptions over academic, social and cultural knowledge gained from each other and to what extent they have developed connectedness between each other at the end of semester fall, 2015.</p> <p>Evidence Analysis: The evidence gathered from focus group interviews will be analyzed by looking for the themes of the effect of Global Connect program on the connectedness of international students with their American partners. Responses from American students will be used to criticize the self-perception of international students.</p>
Quantitative Measure	<p>Study Participants: All international students and their American partners in Global Connect program will be studied. Participants can be identified from applications and partners matching within Global Connect program. A sample will not be used.</p> <p>Evidence Collection: All international students and their American partners in Global Connect program will keep track their meeting logs with the total hours they spent</p>

	<p>time together and turn it in to the staff of ISPS.</p> <p>Evidence Analysis: Staffs will tally the total hours for each pair at the end of semester fall, 2015. The evidence will be analyzed by looking for the correlation between total meeting hours and how connected international students feel with their American partners.</p>
Implementation	See Implementation Plan