



VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

AT GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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TYPES OF VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

- Single course assignments
- Peer review
- Cooperative learning
- Online discussions
- Project-based learning
- Video conferencing

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- Increases global competency and engagement
- Promotes digital literacy
- Fosters cultural appreciation and understanding
- Develops professional skills
- Facilitates intercultural collaboration and communication
- Earn an International Virtual Exchange Badge

BENEFITS TO FACULTY

- Offers an economical way to bring in content and practicing experts
- Builds research and teaching networks at international institutions
- Creates professional development opportunities
- Globalizes your curriculum

RESOURCES

The Office of International Initiatives is available to support your creativity and innovation in implementing virtual exchange into your course design. We offer one-on-one consultations, assistance with identifying an international partner, and resources. Please contact Yali Zhao, Virtual Exchange Faculty Associate, at yzhao@gsu.edu.

- **iCollege course for GSU Faculty Teaching and Learning Community (FaTLC) on Virtual Exchange** – free access to Virtual Exchange resources (technology, teaching, research). *Contact Dr. Zhao to add you to the course.*
- **Free Zoom room to use during the development and implementation of the course.**

Virtual Exchange Projects

Georgia State faculty from across the university are collaborating with international partners to integrate Virtual Exchange into their curriculum. Listed below are a few exciting Virtual Exchange projects. To learn more about GSU faculty VE projects regarding their design and implementation, visit: bit.ly/46u752u

Global Sociology of Food

WebX, Skype, and discussion boards allow GSU and Osaka University (*Osaka, Japan*) students to collaborate on the cultural meanings of food production, preparation, and consumption. Topics include stereotypes of “American” and “Japanese” food, global food movements, and food waste.

Real World Challenges

An open innovation challenge platform, Agorize, allows GSU and ESCA University (*Morocco, North Africa*) business students to work in virtual teams to design creative solutions to solve real world challenges, i.e., efficient energy management, implementing new sustainable trends in the hospitality industry, etc.

Leadership in Biology

A blog platform allows GSU and Ca' Foscari University (*Venice, Italy*) students to explore from their respective cultures topics related to developing their own “scientist identity” and a personal leadership style for the sciences.



VE VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

Participate in a Virtual Exchange project and
earn a Virtual Exchange Badge from Georgia State University!

EARN A VIRTUAL EXCHANGE BADGE

The Virtual Exchange Badge recognizes your effort to develop global competence, or "the skills, knowledge, and awareness that enhance the ability to function in a global environment." You will receive this badge because of your participation in an online academic project that pairs students with peers from other cultural contexts or geographical locations. Virtual Exchange experiences help develop many 21st-century professional skills, like global citizenship, digital literacy, and intercultural competence.



Level-up your professional skills: add your VE badge to your resume, curriculum vitae, portfolio, LinkedIn and other social accounts!



Open a free badgr.com account or login to your existing account to access your official GSU Virtual Exchange badge.



Discover rewarding opportunities to learn, grow, and apply your global skills wherever you may go!



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