

National Student Exchange Program Assessment Report 2006

Introduction

National Student Exchange Program (NSE) provides Cleveland State University students the opportunity to:

- Live in a different geographic area
- Explore and appreciate new cultures
- Widen university boundaries
- Take courses not offered on their home campus
- Learn from different professors
- Access courses with different perspectives
- Explore new areas of study
- Investigate graduate or professional schools
- Look for future employment opportunities
- Break out of their comfort zones

Previously, there were no learning outcome goals established for this program. There were no Cleveland State University students' participating in this academic year (2006-2007). According to the program's coordinator, no files exist from previous years. Therefore, the student learning outcome goals reported in this assessment report will be implemented fall 2007.

Goals

Program's student learning outcome goals for the coming academic year 2007-2008 are as follows. NSE will provide students the opportunity to:

1. Increase their personal awareness and intellectual growth.
2. Develop independence (i.e., growth in independent behaviors such as self-reliance, autonomy, and interdependence), increase maturity and self confidence.
3. Increase their ability to use personal and educational goals and objectives to guide decisions
4. Broaden their personal and educational perspectives
5. Increased their ability to articulate career and major interest

Outcomes

- Students will be able to articulate how their NSE experience contributed to their ability to think critically
- Students will effectively complete a semester course of study independent of their originating institution
- Students will set personal and academic goals related to their exchange experience and take responsibility for them.
- Students can articulate how their NSE experience contributed to their cultural competency and diversity awareness

- Students will articulate how their NSE experience contributed to their to understanding of a particular course of study offered at their host institution in relationship to their career interest

Research Methods

The National Student Exchange Program has a standard Returning Student Evaluation form that can be adapted for use at our institution. The Comprehensive Learning Center will customize a section of the survey to solicit student feedback on the learning outcomes listed above. The Center will also use institutional data (grade point averages, course grades, etc.) to analyze the association of other student variables and with the learning outcome.

Findings

We will use both quantitative and qualitative analysis to analyze the data collected from student participants.

Review

The Director of the Comprehensive Learning Center and the Program Coordinator will review the program's assessment results on a semester bases. Program outcomes are communicated through yearly Center reports. Student outcome results will be shared with students through planned communications, focus groups, and workshops about NSE.

Action

Not applicable at this point.