ARE COLLEGE STUDENTS PREPARED?
Connecting College Learning and America’s Global Future

Employers are globally connected and are placing more emphasis on hiring candidates with global knowledge and experience.

70% of employers surveyed say their company or organization is globally connected.*

41% have employees in locations outside the U.S.*

A majority of employers agree that their company or organization is placing MORE EMPHASIS than they did five years ago on hiring candidates who bring GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE and EXPERIENCE.*

A majority of employers want all college students to gain global knowledge and intercultural skills.

96% “strongly or somewhat agree” that, regardless of a student’s chosen field of study, all students should “have experiences in college that teach them how to solve problems with people whose views are different from their own.”**

78% of employers “strongly: or somewhat agree” that, regardless of a student’s chosen field of study, all students should “gain intercultural skills and an understanding of societies and countries outside the U.S.”***

73% of employers believe that college graduates’ preparation would improve if they were required to complete a significant applied learning project.**

Employers give students especially weak grades on key global learning outcomes.

Of 17 outcomes graded, the largest majorities of employers rate recent graduates as “not prepared: on the following outcomes:

(1) problem-solving in diverse groups
(2) scientific literacy
(3) knowledge of global development and trends
(4) knowledge of cultures/societies outside the U.S.
(5) foreign language proficiency*