

# Global Perspective:

*navigating the global economy by developing a broader understanding of the different cultures, economies and systems of the world and applying that perspective to the context of work.*

## **Reflection/Assessment:**

Choose one of the following options:

1. Complete LA&S 480 Preparing for International Careers at The University of Kansas with a passing grade.

OR

2. Complete LA&S 485 Global Career Management at The University of Kansas with a passing grade.

OR

3. Complete the online learning module in Blackboard and submit (in Blackboard) at least three reflective summaries based on experiences you have had in one or more cultural, global, or international learning opportunities. For each reflective summary you must include the following:

- type of cultural, global, or international opportunity
- the organization associated with the opportunity
- an explanatory paragraph of the experience
- a paragraph that explains how the experience helped you develop a broader understanding of different cultures, economies, and systems of the world
- an explanation on how the experience will help you with your career decision-making or future career goals

## **Samples of cultural, global, or international opportunities from which your experiences may be drawn:**

- completing a course with an international or language focus
- attending a cultural activity such as a performance, exhibit, lecture, or other event
- participating in a volunteer or community service activity with a cultural, global, or international focus
- being an active member of a student group or other organization that has a cultural, global, or international focus
- studying abroad
- completing an internship abroad
- participating in KU foreign language tables

**Rubric:** In order to successfully complete this dimension, you must earn at least an average score of 4 on your reflective summaries.

5: Expert	Examples
<p>Reflective summary is clear and represents a cultural, global, or international experience and/or opportunity while in college. The explanation of the experience defines the experience clearly. The cultural, global, or international reflective component demonstrates cultural, global, or international development and growth in awareness. The career development explanation is present and demonstrates application.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Type of cultural, global, or international opportunity:</b> <i>internship in Nicaragua</i></li> <li>• <b>The organization associated with the opportunity:</b> <i>Tierra Viva</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanatory paragraph of the experience:</b> <i>I spent three months working with an NGO in Nicaragua. During that time I helped develop literature, was responsible for updating the organization's website, became involved with the strategic planning process, and did research for a grant proposal.</i></li> <li>• <b>A paragraph that explains how the experience helped you develop a broader understanding of different cultures, economies, and systems of the world:</b> <i>Through my interactions with the local community and our partners, I gained a better understanding of local, regional, national, and international dynamics that affect the key issues that we addressed in our work. For example, I now understand how international policies can help benefit or hinder the work that the organization is trying to accomplish, as well as the role of international organizations in mediating or supporting projects at the local level.</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanation on how the experience will help you with your career decision-making or future career goals:</b> <i>The skills and knowledge that I gained through this experience have helped me identify the career path that I would like to take, and identify the steps that I need to take in order to accomplish these goals. While abroad, I gained fluency in the language, learned how to navigate the local landscape, and sought opportunities to interact with people. I maximized my time abroad by joining local organizations, volunteering, and networking. All of these factors have contributed to my understanding of the steps that I will need to take in order to successfully pursue an international career. I have identified the job I would like to have and the skills that I will need to develop in order to enhance my resume.</i></li> </ul>
4: Advanced	
<p>Reflective summary is clear and represents a cultural, global, or international experience and/or opportunity while in college. The explanation of the experience defines the experience clearly. The cultural, global, or international reflective component demonstrates cultural, global, or international development; however, more details are needed to demonstrate actual growth cultural, global, or international awareness. The career development explanation is present but needs more specific application or perceived future application.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Type of cultural, global, or international opportunity:</b> <i>internship in Nicaragua</i></li> <li>• <b>The organization associated with the opportunity:</b> <i>Tierra Viva</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanatory paragraph of the experience:</b> <i>I spent three months working with an NGO in Nicaragua. During that time I helped them develop literature, both online and in print.</i></li> <li>• <b>A paragraph that explains how the experience helped you develop a broader understanding of different cultures, economies, and systems of the world:</b> <i>Through my interactions with the local community and our partners, I gained a better understanding of local, regional, national, and international dynamics that affect the key issues that we addressed in our work.</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanation on how the experience will help you with your career decision-making or future career goals:</b> <i>The skills and knowledge that I gained through this experience have helped me identify the career path that I would like to take. While abroad, I gained</i></li> </ul>

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<b>3: Intermediate</b>	
<p>Reflective summary is stated and represents a cultural, global, or international experience and/or opportunity while in college. The explanation of the achievement defines the basics of the experience but more detail is needed. The cultural, global, or international reflective component demonstrates cultural, global, or international development, but more detail is need to truly demonstrate acquisition and growth. The career development explanation is present but needs more specific application or perceived future application.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Type of cultural, global, or international opportunity:</b> <i>internship in Nicaragua</i></li> <li>• <b>The organization associated with the opportunity:</b> <i>Tierra Viva</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanatory paragraph of the experience:</b> <i>I spent three months working with an NGO in Nicaragua.</i></li> <li>• <b>A paragraph that explains how the experience helped you develop a broader understanding of different cultures, economies, and systems of the world:</b> <i>Through my interactions with the local community and our partners, I gained a better understanding of culture in Nicaragua.</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanation on how the experience will help you with your career decision-making or future career goals:</b> <i>The skills and knowledge that I gained through this experience have helped me identify the career path that I would like to take. I also gained fluency in the language, which could be helpful in my career endeavors.</i></li> </ul>
<b>2: Novice</b>	
<p>Reflective summary is vague but does represent a cultural, global, or international experience and/or opportunity while in college. The explanation of the achievement is either not clear or not present. The cultural, global, or international reflective component is either not thoughtful or not present. The career development explanation is either not specific or present.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Type of cultural, global, or international opportunity:</b> <i>internship in Nicaragua</i></li> <li>• <b>The organization associated with the opportunity:</b> <i>Tierra Viva</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanatory paragraph of the experience:</b> <i>I spent three months working with an NGO in Nicaragua.</i></li> <li>• <b>A paragraph that explains how the experience helped you develop a broader understanding of different cultures, economies, and systems of the world:</b> <i>Through my interactions with the local community and our partners, I gained a better understanding of culture in Nicaragua.</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanation on how the experience will help you with your career decision-making or future career goals:</b> <i>The skills and knowledge that I gained through this experience have helped me consider some career opportunities.</i></li> </ul>
<b>1: Beginner</b>	
<p>Reflective summary is vague and/or does not represent a cultural, global, or international experience and/or opportunity while in college. The explanation of the achievement is not clear and/or not present. The cultural, global, or international reflective component is not thoughtful and/or not present. The career development explanation is not specific and/or present.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Type of cultural, global, or international opportunity:</b> <i>internship in Nicaragua</i></li> <li>• <b>The organization associated with the opportunity:</b> <i>Tierra Viva</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanatory paragraph of the experience:</b> <i>I spent three months working with an NGO in Nicaragua.</i></li> <li>• <b>A paragraph that explains how the experience helped you develop a broader understanding of different cultures, economies, and systems of the world:</b> <i>I learned a lot about Nicaragua.</i></li> <li>• <b>An explanation on how the experience will help you with your career decision-making or future career goals:</b> <i>I really enjoyed the experience, and it was helpful.</i></li> </ul>