Center of International Programs Mission and Goals

In support of the Kalamazoo College mission to “prepare its graduates to better understand, live successfully within, and provide enlightened leadership to a richly diverse and increasingly complex world,” the Center for International Programs provides experiential opportunities in international education through study abroad, university exchange programs, and services for international students and scholars in collaboration with our international partners. As a leader in education abroad, the Center also advocates for international experiential education in local, regional, national and international forums.

Goals for Education Abroad at Kalamazoo College

Students should:

1. Understand, through study and experience, the cultures of several parts of the world
2. Be sensitive to and respectful of personal and cultural differences
3. Engage with global issues and cultural diversity
4. Be proficient in at least one second language and display cultural competence in a variety of contexts
5. Act effectively and responsibly as a citizen, both locally and globally, and thereby enhance intercultural understanding.