

What does it mean to be globally aware?

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The globally aware person has the knowledge, competencies, values, and dispositions to act in an informed manner, demonstrate empathy, engage in effective intergroup communication, and build community across social, cultural, political, environmental, geographic, and economic boundaries.

Components of Global Knowledge

- Each person considers and discusses social, cultural, political, environmental, geographic, and economic relations from a perspective informed by the relevant academic disciplines.
- Each person understands the social construction of human categories.
- Each person is informed of key issues and their historical foundations that impact relations among groups.
- Each person acts with an understanding of and respect for the social and biological interdependence of global life.

Components of Empathy

- Each person is mindful of and interested in ways of understanding and feeling that are different from their own.
- Each person is able to use multiple frames of reference in intergroup and interpersonal situations.
- Each person is able to identify with and understand the perspectives of others.
- Each person is mindful of the multicultural influences on their own group affiliations.

Components of Effective Intergroup Communication

- Each person is able to function competently and communicate effectively in intergroup and multilingual situations.
- Each person is able to perceive different communication styles and communicate effectively with others who exhibit them.
- Each person is able to recognize and manage the social and emotional aspects of intergroup and multilingual situations.

Components of Community Building

- Each person is able to facilitate constructive contact, develop effective relationships, and foster cooperation among people in a diverse human environment.
- Each person consciously acts to make a difference in intergroup situations.