The Vital Role of Languages in Internationalization
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Abstract:
Many strategic plans call for growth in internationalization and mobility. An oft overlooked necessity to facilitate this growth is language. All forms of mobility, inbound and outbound, require language proficiency for communication, research exchange, basic partnerships, and digital developments. While many universities tout foreign language and ESL programs to promote language acquisition for students, understanding how vital languages are to engaging students and scholars at all levels of internationalization is critical for the forward-looking SIO.

OBJECTIVES:

● To understand the role foreign and second languages play in university internationalization;

● To anticipate challenges to student and scholar mobility and general program expansion related to languages

● To learn best practices to empower language programs to further global strategies of universities

Recommended Resources:


### Websites and videos


Teletandem between The University of Washington and Unesp https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRbN8yVAdIU

FCL/Araraquara - http://teletandem.wixsite.com/fclar

IBILCE/ São José do Rio Preto - http://www.ibilce.unesp.br/#!/departamentos/letras-modernas/teletandem/


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