

IVAC - International Virtual Academic Collaboration

Enabling all students, regardless of family, financial or physical conditions, to have an international and intercultural experience.

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Our website is live now!

Get to know the IVAC Team

Part 3



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Growing up in an Italian-British family allowed me to see the world through the lens of different cultures from the very beginning. This mind-set accompanied me through my Law studies in Turin, my Erasmus+ year in Norway and my current life in Germany.

I've always wanted to work in an international environment, as I believe that being in contact with different cultures and experiencing different ways of living is a fundamental ingredient to become an open-minded global citizen.

Supporting students in their international paths and creating opportunities abroad is what I most like of my position as International Programmes Coordinator, which perfectly aligns with the additional role that have as Project Manager of the IVAC Project.

I am extremely satisfied with the results of this first year of International Virtual Academic Collaborations and very much looking forward to future projects.

IVAC - Project Feedback

Between October 2020 and September 2021, dedicated lecturers at SRH Berlin developed and tested new digital collaborative course formats to provide students with an international, intercultural experience, regardless of travel restrictions, family, financial or physical conditions.

Flexibility and creativity served as the basis for the development of the digital collaboration: lecturers could freely choose the course structure and format of collaboration. The only condition: the courses were to be offered digitally and with international partner universities.

Through this experience, both students and lecturers were able to acquire digital and intercultural competences that will enable them to thrive in an increasingly globally networked world. The students' feedback showed that they appreciated the opportunity to deepen their education in an international context, independent of physical mobility.

So we can definitely conclude the following: international and virtual collaboration formats are extremely useful from an academic perspective to promote digital and international competences among students and teachers. Such formats are also necessary to establish an innovative and equal-opportunity higher education landscape in the long term.

With this in mind we can jump into a new project year (2021-2022) full of energy, innovative ideas and enthusiasm.

Stay tuned for IVAC 2.0!



1 Year

5

International academic virtual collaborations

5

Partner universities

3

Intercultural Events: Virtual-Exchange

300

Students

These figures were realised within the IVAC project "Digital Exchange: die barrierefreie Auslandserfahrung" at the SRH Berlin University of Applied Sciences.

Education Beyond Borders: Mexico

A virtual Micro-Credential offered by our partner institution The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSP)

Good Health and Well-being is anchored around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #3 to Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-being for All at All Ages. Open to TCSP and all partner institution students, including SRH Berlin, Education Beyond Borders will seek to understand the psychological, social, educational, legal, healthcare and intercultural perspectives within the context of global health and well-being.

Participants will gain global perspective and strategic planning skills. Most importantly, participants will impact their communities while working to transform themselves into global agents of change.

- The online course will be asynchronous (time zone will not be an issue, students are able to complete at their own pace)
- Live lectures will be offered and recorded if not able to attend
- This opportunity is offered at no cost giving learners the ability to earn a digital badge to indicate their professional development with no fee required.



Micro-credential Description

This micro-credential includes online modules addressing the topic of good health & well-being from a cross-disciplinary, global perspective. Modules open on November 5, and are to be completed by December 3. Upon completion, participants of the micro-credential units, will be awarded an Education Beyond Borders digital badge.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled SRH student
- **All applicants must be 21 years of age or older at the time of application**

Micro-credential Opens: November 5, 2021

Micro-credential Closes: December 3, 2021

Program Fee: free

[More information and how to apply, here!](#)





What's next?

IVAC goes in the second round

We are happy to announce that we obtained funding for another year and will keep developing international digital formats.

Watch out for more international collaborations and virtual intercultural events.

Coming Up

Things to look out for...

- Watch out for more virtual intercultural events from the Global Cooperation Institute