

# Virtual exchange and education abroad: Synergies for sustainability

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## **Poll: Which of these best describes your experience with Virtual Exchange?**

- A. I know what it is, but haven't been involved.
- B. I have been a participant in a VE (of any kind).
- C. I have experience embedding VE in a course.

# Virtual Exchange (aka COIL or GCTL)



# Globally Connected Teaching & Learning

An umbrella term for learning experiences that are **carefully designed** to encourage and support constructive **cross-cultural communication, collaboration, and/or dialogue** between individuals or groups who are geographically distant and/or from different cultural backgrounds.

These experiences are **technology-enabled, sustained** (conducted through institutional partnerships, curriculum-based, and guided), and **supported** by educators or facilitators.



# Globally Connected Teaching & Learning

GCTL leverages ubiquitous, robust, and reliable technologies to bring the potentially **transformative impact of meaningful intercultural experience** *to everyone.*

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Adapted from the Virtual Exchange Coalition and EVOLVE  
(Evidence-Validated Online Learning through Virtual Exchange)

# Virtual Exchange/GCTL

- carefully designed
- intercultural collaboration/dialogue
- technology-enabled
- supported (by mentors/teachers)
- transformative impact



# The FIVE P's of Virtual Exchange

- Partners/Partnerships
- Participants
- Pedagogy
- Personhood (the self)
- Platform (the technology)
- Policy (governments, accrediting bodies)

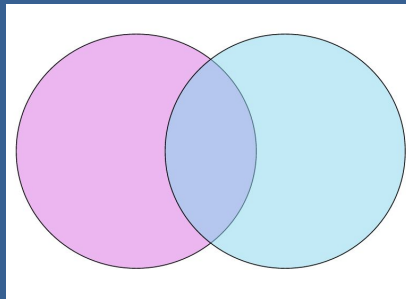


# Virtual Exchange Models: Content & Platform

**Do-it-yourself**



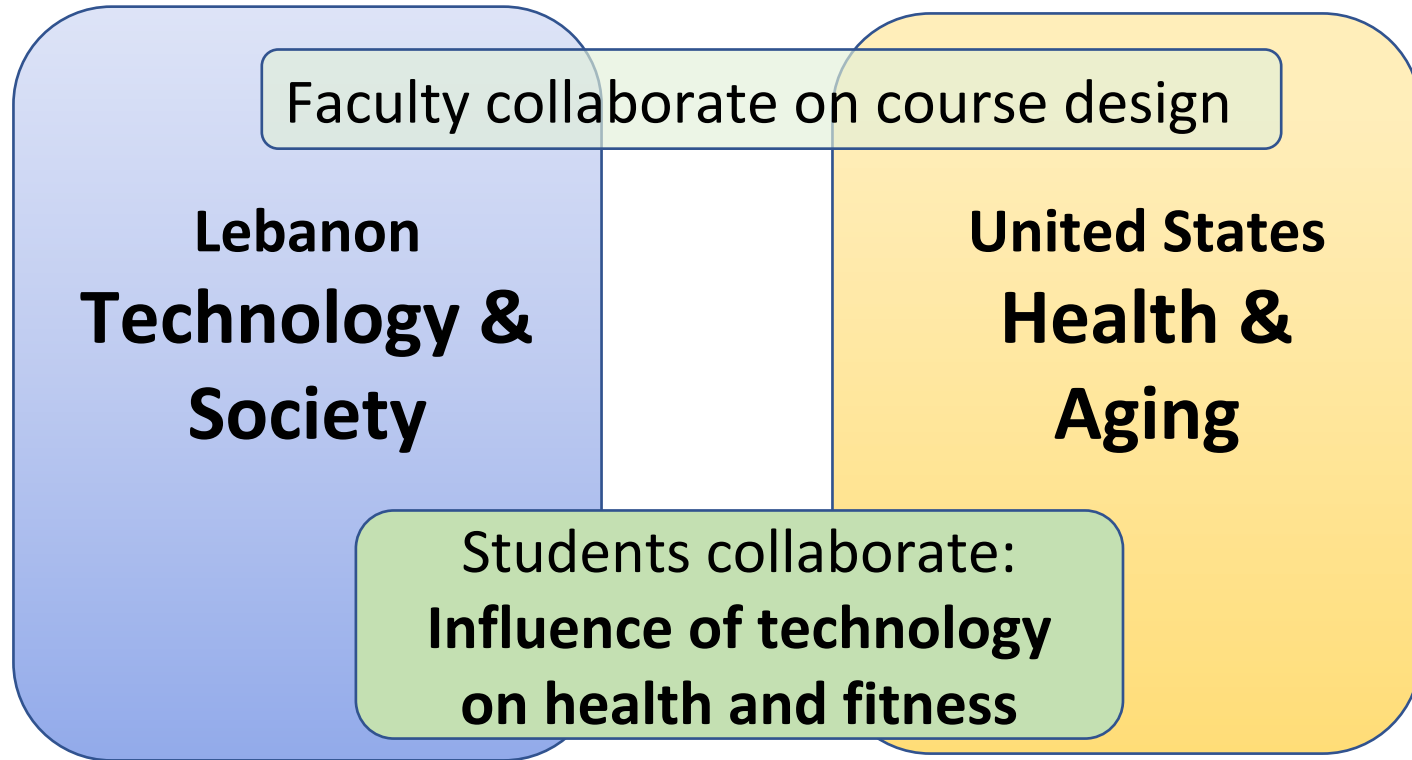
**Hybrid**



**Off-the-shelf**



# Virtual Exchange Models: Student Interactions (DIY)



# Academic Calendar Alignment Example

Course A  
16 weeks  
Sept to mid-Dec

6 weeks:  
Nov –  
mid-Dec

Course B  
15 weeks  
mid-Oct to Feb

# Education Abroad and Virtual Exchange

Adaptation to  
new physical  
environment

**EA**

- Intercultural competence development
- Career skills development/networking
- Build confidence & emotional resilience
- Develop global citizenship/identity
- Language learning
- Develop problem solving/life skills
- Connect global-local & content- context
- Social justice and world peace

Comfort with  
new workplace  
technologies

**VE**



# Small Group Discussion:

Please click on the **Join** button to enter your assigned breakout room.

Expect 3-4 participants

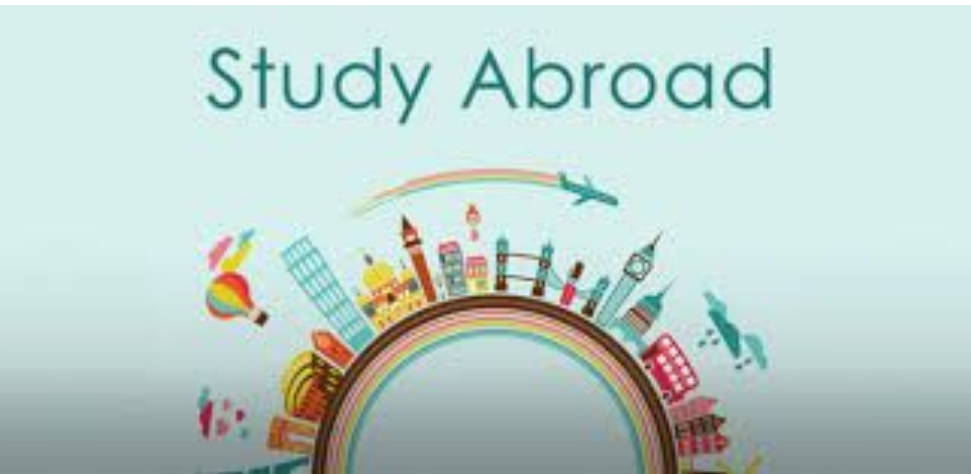
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Given the overlap in learning outcomes for VE and EA, **what are the potential advantages VE may offer in terms of “sustainability” (how ever you define that for your context)?**



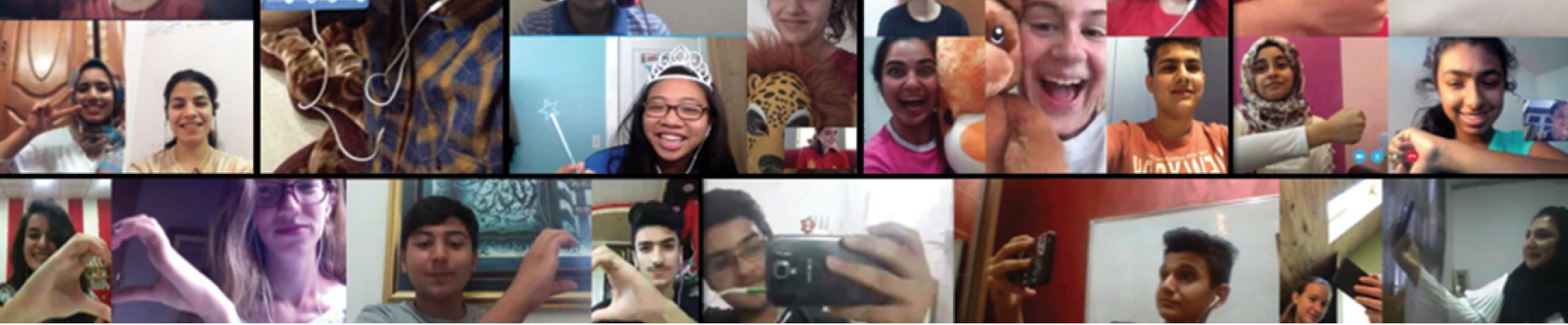


# Lessons from Education Abroad









# Lessons from Virtual Exchange







# Virtual exchange example:

## Prompt and dialogue technique



# Resources

## Virtual Peer Learning Modules

Crossing Borders Education and CoreCollaborative International

<https://crossingborders.education/forum-on-education-abroad/>

## Intercultural Learning Hub

<http://www.hubicl.org>

## Collection of Resources

<http://bit.ly/GCTL-Resources>

## International Virtual Exchange Conference (IVEC)

September 14-16, 2020

Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

<http://iveconference.org/>