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Global learning is Dr. Paracka's area of specialization. It encompasses formal study and a practice. It involves knowledge of specific procedures and regulations for the exchange of students, scholars, and their ideas across national boundaries. It is needed for the development of solutions to mutual, interdependent, global issues such as economic development, environmental protection, and human rights. International education helps people live in a multicultural global society. In addition to his administrative duties, Dan regularly teaches a freshman course aimed at helping students develop strategies to internationalize their college experience as well as a senior seminar course where students reflect on their global learning experiences and create e-portfolios.

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