Integrative Assignment Form

Complete this form once for each Integrative Assignment (IA) assigned in your Themed Learning Community. Both Integrative Assignment Forms are due by Monday, July 16, 2012 to the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning. TLC faculty stipends will be delayed until both Integrative Assignment Forms are submitted to OSEEL.

TLC teams wanting more materials on designing IAs are encouraged to visit the NIU TLC resource webpage for more information (http://www.niu.edu/engagedlearning/themed_learning/resources.shtml) or contact OSEEL.

Name of TLC: Competing Global Perspectives
Instructors: Rebecca Houze, Christopher Jones, and Denise Rode
Courses: ARTH 282H, POLS 285H, and UNIV 101H
Is this the first or second IA: Second
Week in the semester this IA is due: Second week of November
Title of IA: Reflective “This I Believe” Essay

Description of the IA: In the UNIV 101H section, students will be asked to write a thoughtful, well-written, parsimonious essay of 500 words that addresses the following question related to ARTH 282H and POLS 285H.

How have perspectives and concepts presented in ARTH 282H and POLS 285H shaped your worldview (e.g., core values, philosophy, frame of reference, etc.) as an educated member of the NIU and global communities?

What concepts from each course will the IA draw upon?

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<td>Write and present publicly a reflective essay during a UNIV 101 class session. The essay will be modeled after the contributions in the This I Believe II book.</td>
<td>Course Concept: Develop global awareness and appreciation of global diversity.</td>
<td>Course Concept: Effectively apply conceptual lenses from class to make sense of the real world.</td>
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How will each course assess/grade the IA (how will each instructor know that the students have integrated their course concepts into the IA and grade accordingly)?

Students will submit their completed essays to the UNIV 101H Blackboard site. Denise Rode will grade each of the written assignments. Rebecca Houze and Christopher Jones will attend two sessions of the UNIV 101 class when the students present their essays. Using a rubric agreed upon by the three course instructors, Professors Houze and Jones will evaluate the oral presentations with attention to the course concepts listed above and the extent to which they demonstrate critical thinking, effective communication, and creativity.