

# Sheridan's Approach to COIL

[Sheridan 2024](#) and [Connected Sheridan](#) recognized that engagement with our international community is indispensable to enriching our teaching and learning and enhancing our research, community, and industry relations. Consequently, our [Internationalization and Global Connectivity Strategy](#) aims to develop critical global citizens and change makers who have the global mindset, fluency and outlook to actively engage and positively impact their local and global communities.

**Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)** is an innovative pedagogical tool that enhances internationalization at home and paves the way for Sheridan's faculty and students to experience and meaningfully engage in intercultural and global experiences with their international peers whilst building institutional partnerships and networks.

Sheridan is now ready to adopt a more institutionalized and strategic approach to COIL that facilitates the use of COIL to further advance Sheridan's goals and priorities. **Sheridan's approach to COIL** recognizes international and intercultural education as a key learning experience that supports individual transformation and empowerment. It serves to sharpen the direction and purpose for our strategic vision through its emphasis on the following six key focuses:

1. **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization (EDID)** is a focus that is at the heart of Sheridan's approach to COIL. Sheridan views COIL itself as a tool for the advancement of EDID in its high accessibility, inclusion of and engagement with diverse perspectives, and capacities for decolonization.
2. Sheridan's usage of COIL is with the express purpose to build Sheridan students' **S-Sense** capacities. Within Sheridan's approach to COIL as a Signature Learning Experience, thinking, relating, and innovating come seamlessly together to enable students' academic, intercultural, professional, and personal evolution.
3. COIL allows Sheridan to further diversify our **international partnerships** and expand virtual mobility opportunities across all Faculties with the goal of offering our community ample opportunities to engage with diverse world views and knowledges and expanding our global impact.
4. COIL at Sheridan is significantly aligned with its approach to **sustainability**. Sheridan uses COIL by emphasizing multiple dimensions of community and ecological well-being, Western and Indigenous foundations, and respectful partnership.
5. Sheridan views COIL as a catalyst for accelerated impact through enhanced **interdisciplinarity** providing a key structure through which multiple disciplines can critically engage with one another across the borders to create synergistic and innovative outcomes.
6. Sheridan uses COIL to unleash the potential of its students and faculty by creating a structure for increased **experiential learning** through professional opportunities, research collaborations, and work-integrated learning experiences.

To learn more about COIL and resources at Sheridan, check the [COIL webpage on Central](#).