Global Citizenshipship at Tulane

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What is ‘global citizenship’?
Citizenship

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A citizen is a member of a political community who enjoys the rights and assumes the duties of membership

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“Just as we say the sailor is one member of a community, so too do we say is the citizen. Insofar as sailors differ in capacity (for one is a rower, one a pilot, one a lookout, and another has yet another name of this kind), it is clear that the most accurate account of the virtue of each will be peculiar to each. Yet there is also a common account which fits all. For the preservation of the ship is the function of all of them; each of the sailors aims at this. The same holds for citizens. Although they are dissimilar, the preservation of the community is their function ….”

Aristotle, Politics.
What does ‘global’ mean?

“Relating to the whole world, worldwide”

Geopolitics

Globalization
What is ‘global citizenship’?

“Critical global citizen pioneers recognize being on a journey to an as-yet-unimagined tomorrow and understand the arrogance involved in ‘global thinking’ and therefore approach knowledge and action with deep humility.” Richard Falk 2000

“Critical global citizenship entails an ongoing struggle aimed at disrupting, decolonizing, and transforming historical, linguistic, structural, cultural and institutional arrangements that cause harm.” Hartman and Kiely 2014

“Global citizens are mainly citizens of the cosmopolitan, globalized, liberal-democratic Western world that constitutes ‘the centre.’ It is a world which outsiders are welcome to join (or are drawn into), only so long as they measure up or are happy to conform to Western values.” Bown 2003
Let’s discuss

What could it mean to be a global citizen of Tulane?

What could it mean to be a global citizen of New Orleans?

What could it mean to be a global citizen of a nation(s) (US or your country of residence, multiple countries, the world)?
How to practice Global Citizenship:

- **Consciousness and Curiosity**: Awareness of interdependence and interconnectedness of the peoples of the world, and a sense of responsibility to engage with peoples and issues of the world.

- **Knowledge**: Understanding of global issues that require collective efforts.

- **Skills**: Development of competencies for appropriate and effective interaction with people of different cultures.

- **Humility**: A healthy skepticism that perhaps your way is not the only way and a sensitivity to collaborate effectively in settings of difference.
What communities have you been involved in where you practiced “global citizenship”?

What is important to you? What do you feel invested in?

(Examples: sports team, church, club, online group, etc.)
Activity:
Visualize

Campus Life
Class Life
New Orleans Life
Life Life
Activity: Operationalize

Reflect: How will you become a Global Citizen at Tulane?
Write out a vision plan.
Get Involved Resources at Center for Global Education
Take the post survey on your orientation app
“Citizenship involves three linked components: membership of a democratic political community, the collective benefits and rights associated with membership, and participation in the communities, political, economic, and social processes—all of which combine in different ways to establish a condition of civic equality.” Bellamy 2008

“Citizenship has traditionally referred to a particular set of political practices involving specific public rights and duties with respect to a given political community...The social and moral dispositions that increasingly have come to be linked to citizenship, such as good neighbourliness, are certainly important supplements to any political framework, no matter how extensive.” Bellamy 2008

“Whatever the problem—be it the decline in voting, increasing numbers of teenage pregnancies, or climate change---someone has canvassed the revitalization of citizenship as part of the solution." Bellamy 2008

“Increasing numbers of citizens do not bother participating. They either feel it is pointless to do so or are happy to free-ride on the efforts of others." Bellamy 2008