

## **VISION STATEMENT**

## THE VISION

In support of UD's vision for fostering global citizenship and cross-cultural competence, the ELI models accessible, transformative teaching and learning in Delaware and beyond, providing multiple pathways to success for culturally and linguistically diverse students, professionals, and educators worldwide.

## WHOM WE SERVE

We serve international students aspiring to undergraduate and graduate degrees, visiting scholars, and professionals. We will increasingly serve non-traditional students, including those who are **multi-lingual**, displaced, **immigrant**, **first-generation**, and **underrepresented**.

## HOW WE SERVE THEM AND IN WHAT CAPACITY AS AN ACADEMIC UNIT

- Offering English to Open Doors of Opportunity for Immigrants, displaced persons, and international professionals through certificate ESL and ESP courses and programs, Credit Courses, and degrees
- Providing a Pathway to University Degree Programs through Academic Transitions, Foundation Year, US Semester, Graduate Pathways, and the Conditional Admissions Program
- **Supporting Student Success** via first-year graduate communication courses, first-semester undergraduates through Accelerate-UD, and all campus students as an active partner in a future UD Student Success Center
- **Furthering UD's Global Reach** by supporting joint degree programs, hosting a study abroad for foreign university partners, and providing online access to ESL and content courses
- **Preparing Future Teachers and Leaders in ESL/EFL** through teacher training certificate programs, Additional Certification in ESL (ACE), and the MA TESL degree program
- **Contributing to Applied Research** in second language acquisition, TEFL/TESL methodology, second language testing, and teacher education, among other areas
- Strengthening Connections among diverse faculty, staff, and students to promote a
  welcoming, supportive, inclusive community campus, city, and state through
  cooperative academic programs and student engagement activities, cultural
  programming, and special events
- Securing Externally Funded Initiatives for students and professionals through the US Department of State, US NGOs, foreign MOE's, and international organizations

Within a sustainable, **collegial**, and **diverse** work and learning community, we commit to fostering continued professional excellence and **development** in our various endeavors, equipping and encouraging students, faculty, and staff to thrive.

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