

Dear 4th year students,

I hope everything is going well as you complete all requirements for your courses!

On behalf of the FILA faculty, I would like to request your assistance in completing the FILA Intercultural Awareness and Experience Statement + Rubrics by January 31st, 2018. This survey can be found at

<https://goo.gl/forms/48QGEF6i5NyOKz8y1>

FILA Program Purposes:

- To assess the FILA program's ability to help you develop two competencies:
 1. Cross-cultural perspectives and communication skills
 2. Global awareness and desire to strive for peace and prosperity
- To improve the FILA program

You may remember that you completed the FILA Intercultural Awareness and Experience Statement several times (twice in CCU, twice while studying abroad, and once in AW1). As a result, we have information from earlier in the program. However, we now need data since you are close to graduating. The form has been changed to include rubrics specific to Cross-cultural Perspectives and Global Awareness competencies. In addition, the seven long answer questions have been eliminated.

By completing the new FILA Intercultural Awareness and Experience Statement + Rubrics, you will not only be helping to improve the FILA program, but also, you will be benefiting.

Benefits to you:

- Helps you self-evaluate your current development of Cross-cultural Perspectives and Global Awareness competencies
- Helps you reflect on how much you have learned and developed since entering the FILA program
- As developing these competencies is a life-long process, helps you to set goals for your own improvement from graduation and beyond.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me or Val know.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in completing the FILA Intercultural Awareness and Experience Statement + Rubrics by January 31st.

Time really flies. I still cannot believe that you are all leaving soon this great learning site of Soka. I could feel and hear your smiling faces and voices in the first gathering in AW401 almost four years ago. You have grown incredibly a lot since then academically, personally and spiritually. I am very proud of you all, and feel happy to spend these four years around you.

I hope everything goes well in every endeavor you make. I am looking forward to meeting you in the farewell party.

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