

RETHINKING THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE: A NEW MODEL

BUILDING COMMUNITY

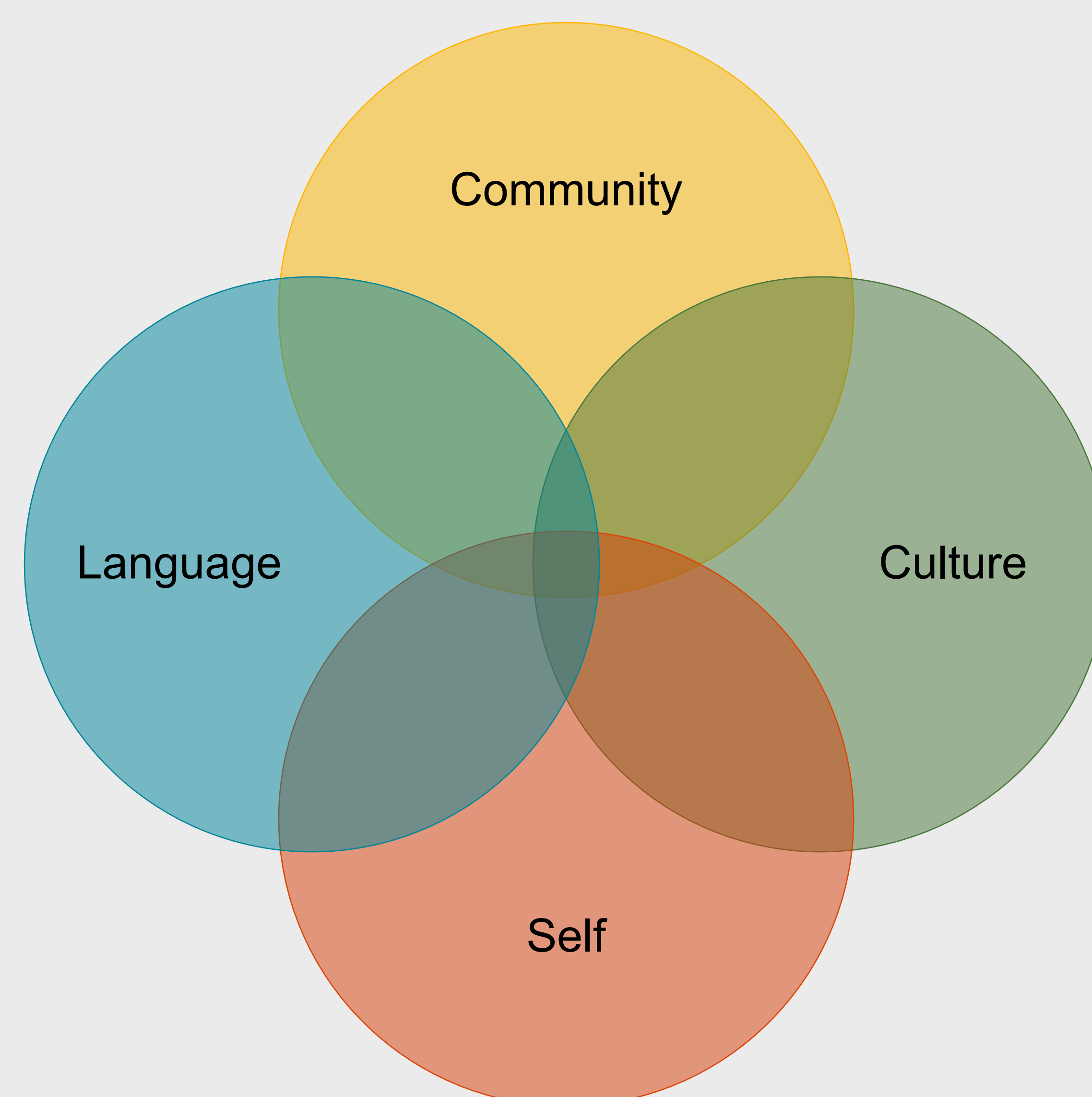
Making connections with peers, professors, and advisors and having a sense of belonging are important factors for persistence and student success.

LANGUAGE COMPONENT

Dialogue and discourse analysis and practice

CULTURAL COMPONENT

Developing understanding of new cultural practices and perspectives



DEVELOPING SELF-EFFICACY

When students feel confident in themselves and believe that they have the ability to be successful, then they are more likely to persist.

LANGUAGE COMPONENT

Written and spoken discourse, comprehension, and mechanics

CULTURAL COMPONENT

Cultural analysis of rhetorical devices and discourse strategies

CHALLENGES

- Setting and achieving meaningful academic goals
- Cultural transitions and self-awareness
- Academic technology and tools
- Navigating the university systems
- Academic language development
- Adjusting to a different learning context
- Academic integrity
- Building community on campus
- Self-advocacy
- Perceived value of the curriculum

SOLUTIONS & STRATEGIES

- Helping students identify their strengths and interests and connect them to their goals
- Reflecting on personal inventories and assessments
- Providing visual aids and hands-on experience to introduce technology and tools
- Expanded Advising and First Year Experience class
- Language development using a process approach to written work, presentation skills, and comprehension
- Introducing learning strategies for the research university environment in the United States and creating space for students to experiment
- Required academic integrity training
- Empowering students to be comfortable with their identity in a new culture
- Academic preparation classes that motivate students to persist through degree program

THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECT MODEL

Beginning in Fall Term 2020, international students who are directly admitted into degree programs will have access to a wider range of services and support, including:

- Academic Preparation and First-Year Experience Classes

ALS 139: Welcome to OSU: International First Year Experience

ALS 161: OSU Lecture and Presentation Strategies/INTL

ALS 162: Advanced Academic Writing/INTL

- A new arrival experience including airport pick-up and a personalized study plan
- Expanded and specialized advising
- ESL Tutoring and Student Success Workshops
- Increased collaboration between INTO OSU and campus partners

We all have a part to play in student success!