Educating Students for a Lifetime of Fullfillment & Accomplishment

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What exactly is Learning?

Learning is a process that leads to change, which occurs as a result of experience and increases the potential for improved performance and future learning.

There are three critical components to this definition:

• Learning is a process, not a product.

• Learning involves change in knowledge, beliefs, behaviors and/or attitudes – and must have a lasting impact on how the student thinks and acts.

• Learning is not something done to students, but rather something students themselves do.

What is Experiential Learning and Education?

Experiential learning is the process of developing knowledge, skills and values through the practice of mindful reflection on the integration of theory and practice in authentic settings (e.g., professional work experience, research, community involvement, co-curricular activities, industry challenges) with real-world opportunities, responsibilities and consequences that enhance the students’ abilities to transfer those knowledge, skills and values across new contexts, and prepare them for a lifetime of learning and growth.

Experiential education is the purposeful design of learning experiences and environments that engage students, faculty, staff, employers and community partners.
Approximates Real World

- Case Studies
- Simulations
- Role-playing
- Lab experiences
- Juries & critiques
- Field trips
- Virtual worlds
- Social media
- Gaming
- Policy debates
- Rapid prototyping

Immersed in Real World

- Service-learning projects with community partner
- Capstone projects sponsored by industry partners
- Research
- Problem-based learning with industry sponsor/partner

Course Based

- Co-op
- Clinical experience
- Residency/Rotation
- Internships
- Research assistantship
- Field course
- Community activism
- Overseas Programs

Program Based
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Past: Co-op

Present: Co-op, Research, Service Learning

Future: Every interaction, everywhere

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Approach is Holistic
Learning is Integrated

Advising
Coursework
Athletics
Research
Clubs + Organizations
Residence Life
Co-op
Recreation
Service
Experience is Supported

- Intentional
- Personalized
- Guided
- Customized
- Reflective
- Flexible
This Is What Success Looks Like

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