



Introduction to Community Engaged Learning

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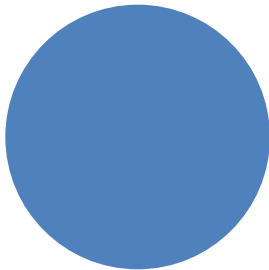
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What is Community Engaged Learning?

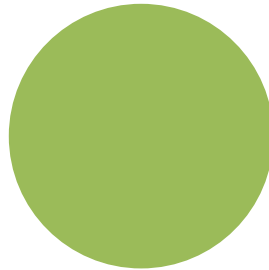
- Partner with local and international organizations to mobilize knowledge and exchange resources
- Address **critical societal issues**
- Promoting students' sense of **civic engagement and social responsibility**
- Extends Western's **reach beyond campus**

Why would you get involved with CEL?

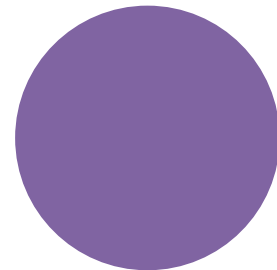
Community Engaged Learning works with you to...



APPLY



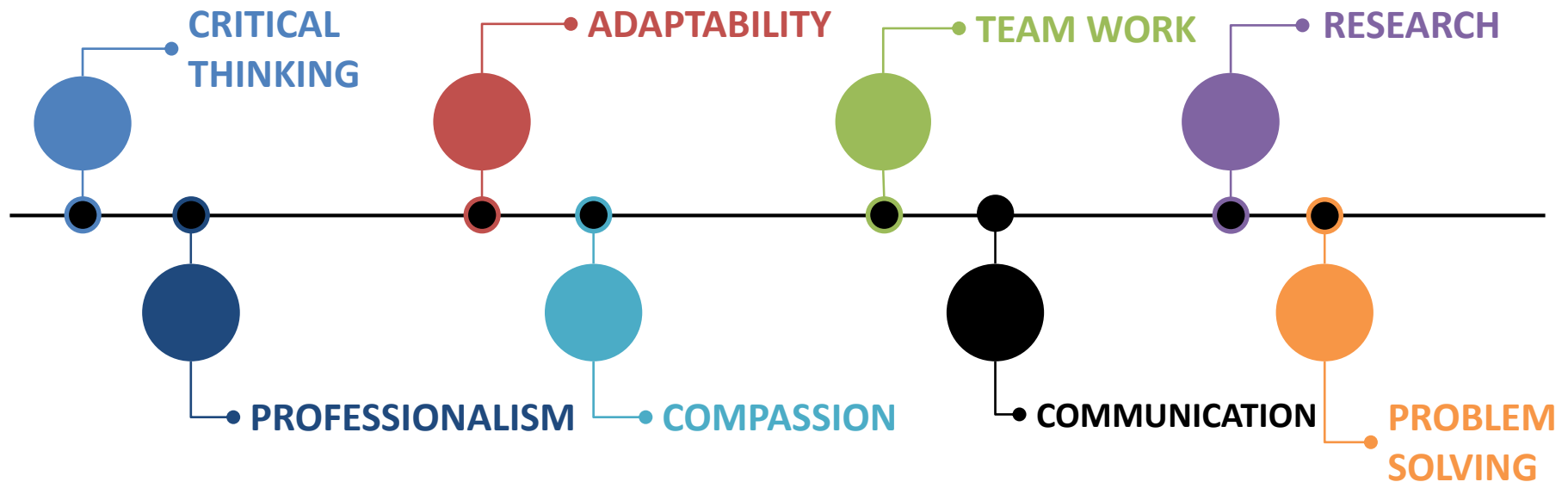
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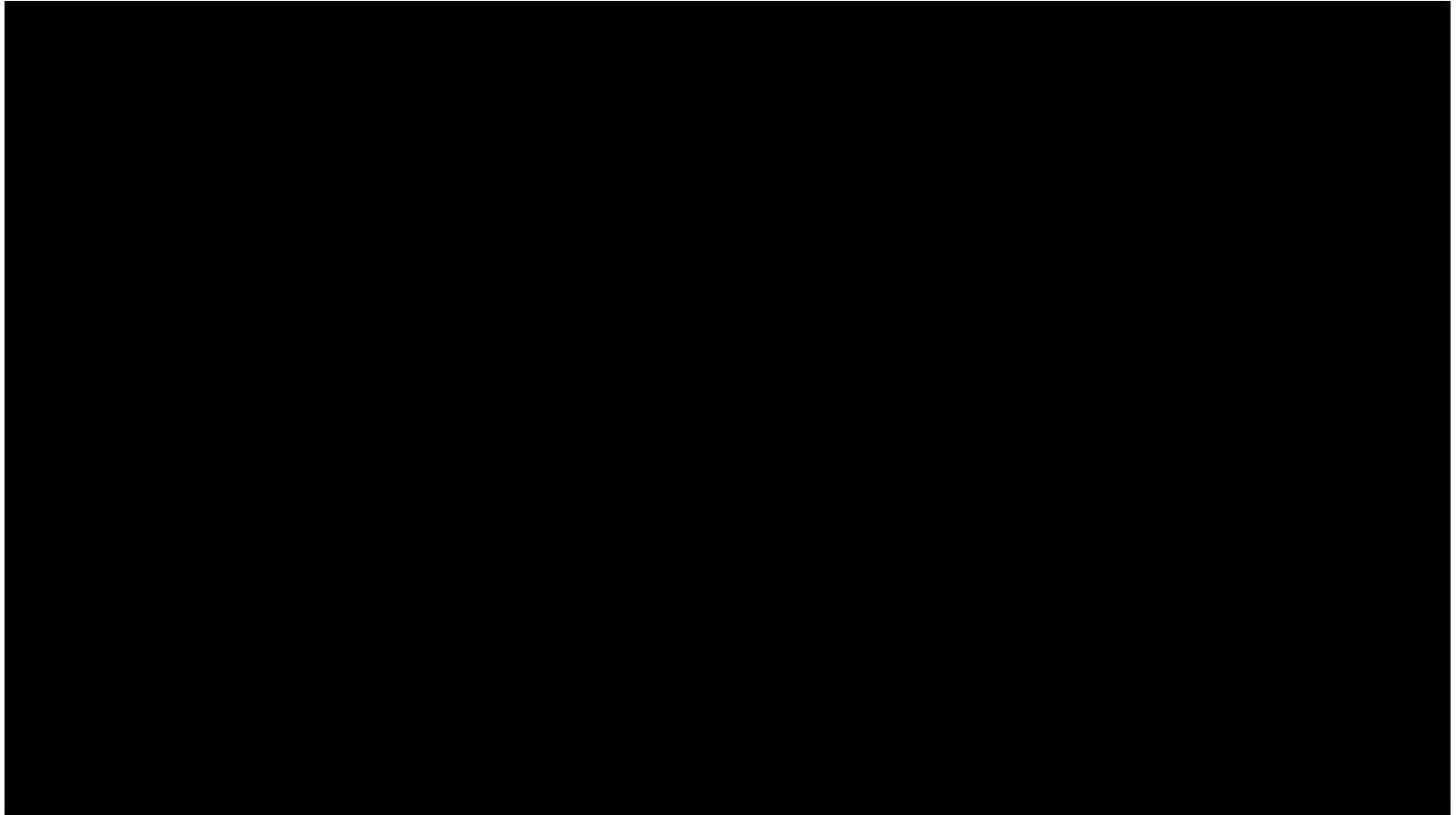
DEVELOP

Skills and competencies developed through CEL

Varies from student to student, experience to experience...

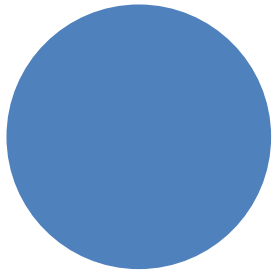


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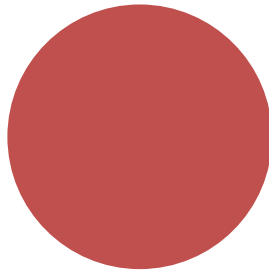


How can I benefit community?

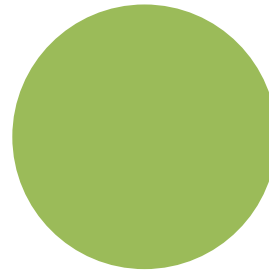
Building Capacity Through Meaningful Partnership



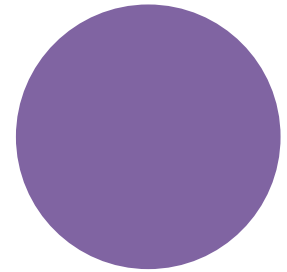
CAPACITY



PERSPECTIVES



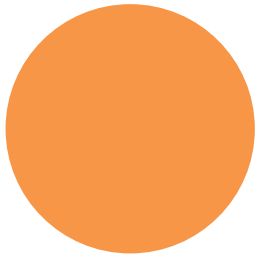
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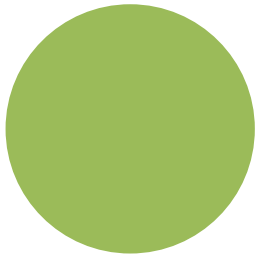
CONTRIBUTE

What does curricular CEL look like?

Format: Project-Based



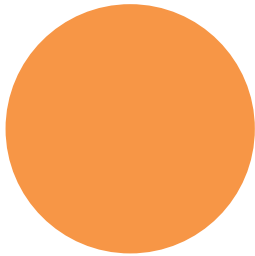
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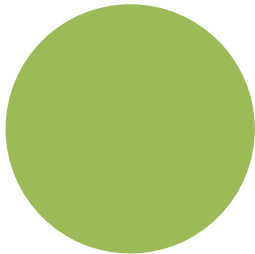
- 2 to 6 students per group
- Produce an educational deliverable defined by the community partner

What does curricular CEL look like?

Format: Placement-Based

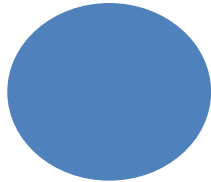


- 2 to 4 hours per week for 8 to 10 weeks per term



- Mostly individual, some small groups
- Students are off-site at the organization fulfilling a specific need and/or completing a project determined by the community partner

What is expected of CEL students?



Student Experiential Learning Agreement

Go to: connect.uwo.ca

Select: Round button with 3 dots (bottom right)

Choose: Submit a form

Choose: Community Engaged Learning

Choose: Student Experiential Learning Agreement

LEARNING AGREEMENT

Department Name:*

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Instructor Name:*

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Between Western University's department, as listed above & the Student Participant

IN CONSIDERATION OF being permitted to participate in an Experiential Learning placement, project or other activity ("the Experiential Learning Opportunity") with a "Community Partner Organization" of Community Engaged Learning at Western University, I agree as follows:

1. I understand the scope of the activities in which I will be involved with my Community Partner Organization. I also understand that if I have any questions about those activities, it is my responsibility to contact staff in the Student Success Centre or the instructor, as listed above to obtain clarification:*

☐ I agree

2. I shall comply with the agreed expectations and requirements set out in the 'Community Partner and Student Expectations' (where applicable) and retain a copy of that document during my activities:*

☐ I agree

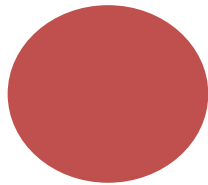
3. If the Community Partner Organization requires a Police Records Check I will follow the guidelines at this link to obtain one as soon as possible:*

☐ I agree

4. I must maintain regular communication with my assigned supervisor at my Community Partner Organization and follow his or her directions at all times:*

☐ I agree

What is expected of CEL students?



Student and Community Partner Expectations Agreement

Subsections:

1. Defining the Players
2. Setting the Terms of the Engagement
3. Defining the Project
4. Creating a Project Plan



Reflection in Community Engaged Learning

An important component
to bridging academic
content to real-world
environments....

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What is Reflection?

- *“The ability to step back and ponder one’s own experience, to abstract from it some meaning or knowledge relevant to other experiences.”*

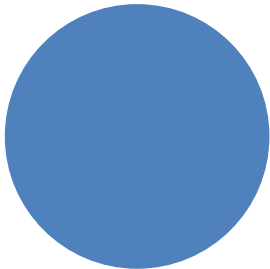
(Hutchings & Wutzorff, 1988)

- Reflection supports learning outcomes by expecting students to:
 - make astute observations
 - consider multiple viewpoints
 - question their values, assumptions, and beliefs

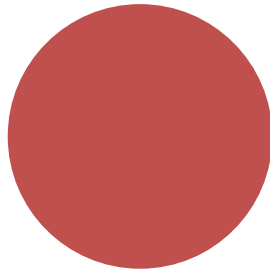
Reflection can assist students with...



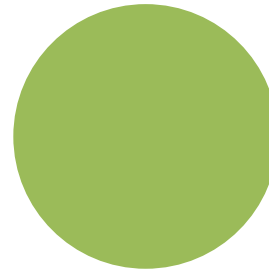
How can I become more reflective?



BE PRESENT

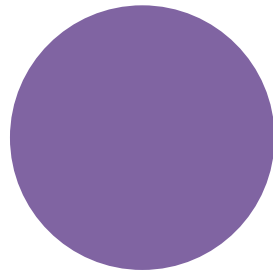


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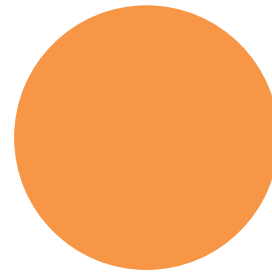


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How can I become more reflective?



PERSPECTIVES



BE A CRITIC

Community Engaged Learning at Western

Opportunities to Get Engaged With CEL

CEL Courses

Integrates course learning objective with placements and projects in the community for mutually-beneficial outcomes.

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Impact Experience (formally ASB)

Bring Western to the world through service in locations across the world; including South America, Europe and here in London as well!

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Orientation Serves

First Saturday of Classes in September

oserves.uwo.ca

Ongoing opportunities through

Western Serves Network

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