Introduction to Community Engaged Learning

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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
- PLAN
- DEVELOP
Skills and competencies developed through CEL

Varies from student to student, experience to experience…
Building Capacity Through Meaningful Partnership
What does curricular CEL look like?

Format: Project-Based

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

- Intellectual Pursuit
- Leadership Development
- Professional Development
- Defining Sense of Social Responsibility
- Career Exploration

Reflective Practice
How can I become more reflective?

BE PRESENT  RECORD  GO FURTHER
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.
[cel.uwo.ca](http://cel.uwo.ca)

**Orientation Serves**
First Saturday of Classes in September
[oserves.uwo.ca](http://oserves.uwo.ca)

**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!
[cel.uwo.ca/impact](http://cel.uwo.ca/impact)

**Ongoing opportunities through**
Western Serves Network
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