

Definition of Experiential Education Components

<p>Internships are credit-based supervised pre-professional learning experience taken during junior or senior year, which offer students work opportunities directly related to their career goals. Internships enable students to learn about a specific field, test career choices, gain real world experience, and develop professional competence under the supervision of practicing professionals. The internship experience enhances the learning of those enrolled and includes structured time for student reflection and writing on the internship.</p>	<p>Service Learning is a credit-based experience that enables students to learn and develop through thoughtfully organized service. This is conducted in and meets the needs of non profits, schools, civic or governmental organizations and is coordinated with an institution of higher learning. This experience helps the development of aptitude, knowledge, and skills; fosters leadership and social responsibility; is integrated into and enhances the learning of those enrolled; and includes structured time for student reflection and writing on the service experience. This can occur at any time during a student's college career.</p>	<p>Co-operative education is a credit-based career and academically related experience that occurs during a student's junior or senior year. Students work and learn in business, industry government or agency. Students receive compensation in the form of salary or stipends and provide employers with meaningful work while developing aptitude, knowledge, and skills. The experience enhances the learning of those enrolled and includes structured time for student reflection and writing on the co-operative experience.</p>
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Chart to determine the type of Experiential Education being taken

Characteristics	Internships	Service Learning	Co-Op
Time of Enrollment	<i>Junior Senior</i>	<i>Sophomore Junior Senior</i>	<i>Junior Senior</i>
Setting	<i>Business, industry, government agency [Social Work and Psychology can use: Community based, non-profit, civic governmental agency]</i>	<i>Community based, non-profit, civic governmental agency</i>	<i>Business, industry, governmental agency</i>
Credit Based	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>
Reflection on Writing	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>
Compensation: Paid/Unpaid	<i>Both</i>	<i>Unpaid</i>	<i>Paid</i>