

UofL Engaged Learning Program

Center for Engaged Learning
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About the Center for Engaged Learning (CEL)

Mission:

The Center for Engaged Learning (CEL) provides a coordinated effort to expand learning beyond the classroom by collaborating with campus, community, and industry partners to provide engaged learning opportunities that prepare undergraduate students for academic and career success. The CEL celebrates diversity and pursues equitable opportunities for all students to participate in high-quality experiences.

The CEL includes two offices:

- Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity
- Experiential Learning

What is engaged/experiential learning?

Students apply their knowledge to concrete experiences through reflecting, perspective taking, critical thinking, and learning through active exploration.

Experiential Learning process includes the integration of:

- Knowledge
- Activity
- Reflection

CARDS Excel Program

Program Name: CARDS (**C**ONCEPTUALIZE, **A**DVENTURE, **R**ESEARCH, **D**EVELOP, **S**ERVE)
Excel (**E**xpand the **C**lassroom through **E**ngaged **L**earning)

Program Structure: The CARDS Excel program encourages students to:

- Gain engaged learning experiences from different categories
- Report and reflect on their learning experiences
- Secure the CARDS Excel distinction and receive cords for graduation ceremony

Students can document their experiences on their resume and on a co-curricular transcript

Distinguishing Activities

Conceptualization, Application & Entrepreneurship (CONCEPTUALIZE)

- Business Plan Competitions
- Hackathon
- Industry Projects
- Capstone Projects
- Student Competitions

Global Engagement (ADVENTURE)

- Study Abroad
- ISLP
- International Internships
- International Co-ops
- International Research Experience

Research, Creativity, Discovery (RESEARCH)

- Visual & Performing Arts
- Maker Faire participation
- Creative Humanities
- STEAM + H mentored research
- Intensive Summer Research Experiences

Distinguishing Activities

Career & Leadership Development (**D**EVELOP)

- Co-ops
- Internships
- Apprenticeships
- Clinical Experiences
- Practicums
- Field Experiences
- Student Teaching
- Student Organizations
- Student Government
- Greek Life
- ROTC
- Digital Badges

Community Engagement (**S**ERVICE)

- Service Learning
- K-12 Outreach

CARDS Excel Program Guidelines & Process

Students:

- Complete two engaged learning experiences preferably from two different categories with a minimum of 15 hours of involvement in a semester
- Submit one reflection per experience

CEL Team:

- Review experiences and reflections using a rubric and provide feedback to student
- Award graduation distinction to student

Benefits of participating in CARDS Excel

High Impact Practice: Retention is higher for students who participate in engaged learning

Students gain:

- Better understanding and application of course material
- Insight into their skills, interests, passions, and values
- Opportunities to collaborate with diverse organizations and people
- Broader view of the world; appreciation of community and diversity
- Professional practices and translatable skills
- Civic engagement
- Self-confidence and leadership skills

How can faculty be involved?

- Encourage students to participate in engaged learning activities
- Provide engaged learning activities in your courses
 - The Delphi Center is developing training for faculty interested in including engaged learning aspects in their courses
- Present at Office of Community Engagement Annual Engaged Scholarship Symposium

Questions?