



Participate in Experiential Learning at AUM

What is Experiential Education?

Experiential learning is an approach to education that emphasizes practical, hands-on experiences that allow students to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world situations.

Course-based and non-course-based experiential education opportunities at AUM include:

- **Community Engagement (CE):** The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of AUM knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching, and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.
- **Field Experiences (FE):** FE are learning activities completed outside the classroom that correlate to and supplement the content taught in academic coursework.
- **Internships:** Internships are hands-on opportunities to learn practical skills in the work environment. These work-based opportunities allow students to put theory into practice and discover how the two work together.
- **Peer Mentorship (PM):** PM is an experiential learning approach where a student receives guidance, direction, and support of an upperclassman with the main purpose of assisting the student towards academic success and social, personal, emotional, and professional growth and development.
- **Research:** A faculty-directed investigation or creative inquiry conducted by students that seek to make a scholarly contribution to a discipline.
- **Service-Learning (SL):** Service-Learning entails applying lessons learned in the classroom while serving the community or addressing societal needs.
- **Study Abroad:** Study Abroad serves AUM students by providing substantial academic-based, immersive experiences abroad. Our advising, programming, scholarships, and service assist students to become informed and intercultural citizens in the global community.

Why participate?

Experiential learning provides many benefits for students, including improved learning outcomes, career preparation, personal growth, and enhanced engagement. Additionally, students who participate have much higher retention, persistence, and graduation rates and are more likely to be hired by an employer in their field upon graduation. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), 68% of students who intern are offered a full-time position.

How do I get started?

Course-Based Opportunities

The following are resources available to help you get involved in experiential learning at AUM.

1. [AUM Course Catalog](#): Search by a specific experiential attribute, such as service-learning, community engagement, internships, or research. Once identified, feel free to contact the professor or another faculty or staff member in that academic department.
2. Faculty and Staff within your Major: Your [academic advisor](#), a peer advisor, or a peer mentor can guide you in locating this information. You can also “Search by Department” in the [AUM Directory](#) online.
3. Experiential Education and Engagement Center (EEEC): Students can contact the [EEEC](#) for assistance.
4. Working Warhawks: Work as a peer mentor within a course. Apply [here](#).
5. Undergraduate Internship and Research Courses: Many academic departments have an internship and/or research course for which students may register. Faculty can help you find a research project and/or internship. A scholarship that covers one credit hour of these courses is available for undergraduate students who meet certain requirements.
 - To find a course, follow steps 1, 2, and/or 3 above.
 - For more information and to apply, click [here](#). The deadline to apply each semester is a week after classes begin.

Non-Course-Based Opportunities

- Experiential Education and Engagement Center (EEEC): Go to the EEEEC’s [website](#) to view available opportunities. If you have questions, contact the [EEEC](#).
- Study Abroad: The [Office of Global Initiatives](#) can help.
- Student Leadership: Find student leadership opportunities [here](#).
- Clubs and Organizations: Locate information about AUM clubs and orgs. [here](#).
- Mentor Collective: Sign up for a peer mentor or register to volunteer as a peer mentor [here](#).
- Internship Opportunities: It is not necessary to be enrolled in an internship course in order to apply for and obtain an internship. Find non-course-based internship opportunities [here](#). Contact the [EEEC](#) for help.

Scan the QR code below to access a digital copy of this handout and additional resources from the Experiential Education and Engagement Center.

