
CERTIFICATE IN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

You can complete the **CERTIFICATE IN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** concurrently with your Bachelors of Arts. It will provide tangible evidence of the hands-on learning and community service completed during your studies. The Interdisciplinary Certificate recognizes experiential learning gained both in and out of the classroom, bringing theory to life.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING courses support students in applying their knowledge and conceptual understanding to real-world problems or situations where the instructor directs and facilitates learning activities outside the classroom and pairs it with reflection and in-class theory.

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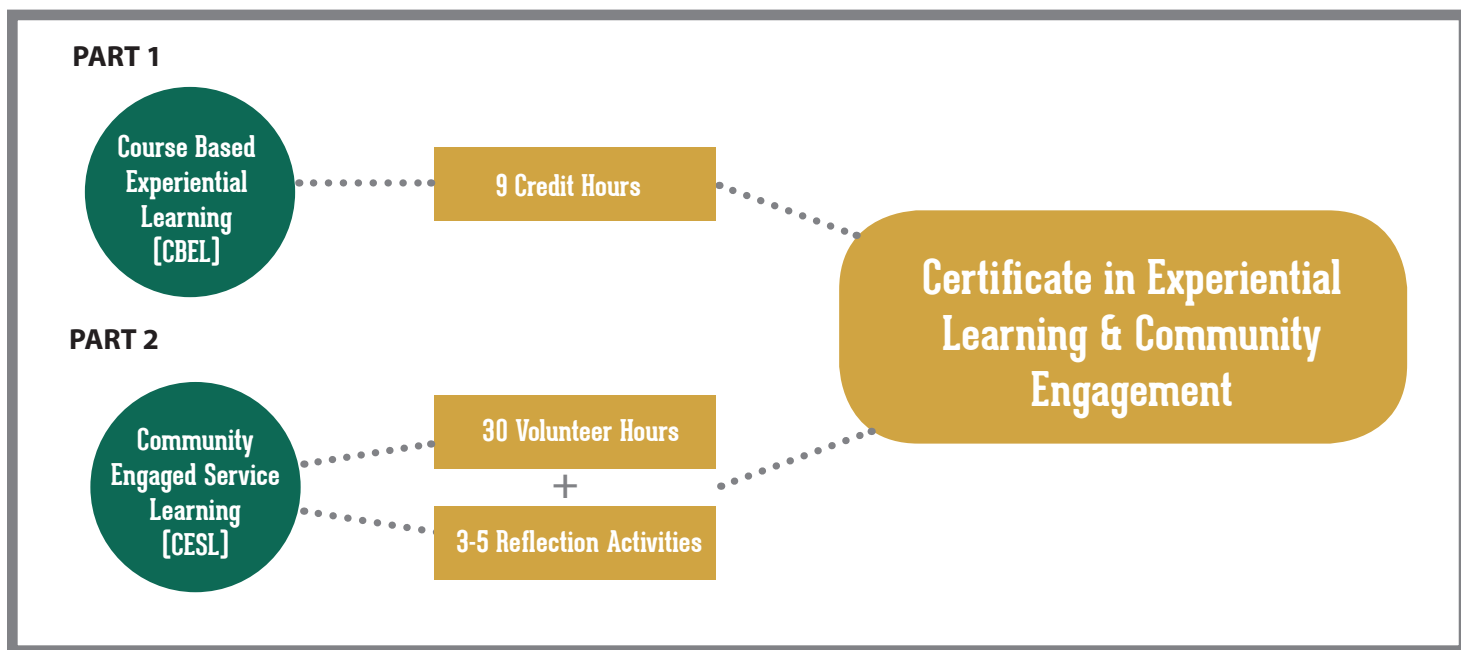
CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

PART 1 COURSE BASED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (9 CREDIT HOURS)

For this section, students will need to complete 9 credit hours from the list of academic courses approved by the Registrar. Students must meet the experiential learning component of each course. Course Based Experiential Learning (CBEL) opportunities will use teaching and learning methods that combine academic classroom curriculum, reflection, and learning objectives with meaningful experiential learning activities that take place outside the classroom. Through CBEL there are structured opportunities that link the theory learned in the classroom with learning activities outside the classroom through intentional self-reflection, self-discovery, and the acquisition and comprehension of values, skills, and knowledge content. For more information on how to register and complete the certificate, please visit stu.ca/experientiallearning.

PART 2 COMMUNITY ENGAGED SERVICE LEARNING (30 VOLUNTEER HOURS)

Service Learning takes students out of familiar surroundings and routines and “immerses” them in new ones, helping them apply what they have learned in class to a real world context. In order for the activity and reflective learning to meet the requirements of the Certificate, it must be a non-credit, unpaid and off-campus activity.



BENEFITS OF THE CERTIFICATE

- Recognizes students for integrating community engagement into their educational experience.
- Encourages students to simultaneously pursue their interests, meet their educational goals, and make a difference in their community.
- Provides students with a foundation of analytical, reflective, interpersonal, and leadership skills through coursework and real-world experience.
- Supports the University’s mission of student engagement in university life inside and outside the classroom.
- Fosters connections between the University, students, and their community while creating a vibrant academic, social and cultural community to further enhance the “STU experience”.