

How to Build an Experiential Course Map

Four Key Elements for Designing Experiential Course Maps

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Roadmap for When Students Need to Act
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Career and Graduate Outcomes

Universities offer students far more than a curriculum; yet too often, we assume students and families understand how academic learning, experiences beyond the classroom, skills development and career preparation fit together. Traditional course requirements must show students what they need to complete, but they rarely make clear why those experiences matter, what students will learn from them, or how they build toward life after graduation.

Experiential course maps make those connections visible. They bring academic, co-curricular, and career experiences together in one place, helping students understand what to do and when, the skills and competencies they are developing, and the range of pathways their degree can open after graduation.

See the example at the right to explore the key elements of an experiential course map.

History | Bachelor of Arts

EXPERIENTIAL COURSE MAP

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	1 FIRST YEAR	3 MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEAR	
2 Cultivate Learning and Academic Excellence	- Review general education requirements and pick the best-fit thematic curriculum pathway - Review programme requirements with your academic advisor - Complete an introductory history class	- Apply for the Problem-Based Learning Fellowship program - Consider electives or additional study in a complementary field, such as business, marketing, or computing - Meet with an advisor to check course progress	- Work with an advisor to ensure you have no outstanding course requirements - Complete your senior capstone - Submit your capstone paper to the <i>EAB University Historical Review</i> or another journal for an opportunity to get published - Apply to graduate	Academic Success Checklist ☐ Discover library resources ☐ Book an appointment with your academic advisor ☐ Visit the writing and tutoring center ☐ Review scholarship or bursary opportunities
Engage Globally and Locally	- Explore opportunities for study overseas, exchange, or global learning - Sign up for a foreign language class and join a foreign language club - Visit the International Student Center to learn about study abroad opportunities, clubs, on-campus events, and spring holiday community impact	- Speak with a professor about research opportunities in your department - Submit a study abroad program and funding application to the Study Abroad Office - Visit the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement or the Global Affairs Center for volunteer opportunities - Attend speaker and special events hosted by the History Department	- Integrate electives with a global or local focus (Virtual DC or Sustainability in DC) - Participate in multicultural events and complete the Multicultural Certificate - International students interested in staying in the country should connect with the International Student Advising Center	72% Of history students study abroad 89% Of history students complete an internship
Prepare for Postgraduate and Career Success	- Consider taking a first-year history field exposure class - Attend the College-to-Career orientation session with Career Services and fill out the career fields of interest form - Speak with Career Services about on-campus and summer job opportunities	- Meet with Career Services about internship opportunities - Take on a leadership role in a student club or association - Attend the Career Fair to explore postgraduation career opportunities	- Attend an alumni networking event - Complete the Curriculum-to-Career class to translate your experience in preparation for the student expo - Assess professional skill and experience gaps and take corresponding Career Services workshops and Career Readiness classes - If considering graduate school, take a scholarship proposal-writing workshop and discuss options with your advisor	Career Development Checklist ☐ Join a student society or professional association ☐ Make an appointment with a career advisor ☐ Complete the College-to-Career course series ☐ Prepare a CV and examples of your skills ☐ Participate in a mock interview ☐ Complete Career Services Certificate of Readiness

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Career Information

What Skills Do Employers Want?

- Communicate clearly and effectively
- Work in a team
- Solve problems and make decisions
- Analyse quantitative data
- Lead and influence others

This Course Gives Me the Skills to:

- Understand how political, social, economic, and cultural change occurs
- Connect current events to historical trends and narratives
- Research and synthesise large amounts of material and identify relevant information
- Prioritise tasks, meet deadlines, and manage time
- Present ideas clearly and concisely
- Engage with complex narratives

What Careers Can I Pursue?

- Museum curator
- Fundraising or advancement professional officer
- Lawyer
- Programme coordinator
- Social policy researcher
- Marketer
- Government consulting

Where Our Students Go One Year Out:

Volunteering/Interning

8%

Full-Time Employment

42%

Pursuing Further Education

50%