Experiential Learning at the University of Guelph means learning through action and reflection. Whether inside or outside the classroom, experiential learning activities provide you with the chance to gain knowledge and skills that will prepare you for your future.

Each course listed in this guide is structured with diverse experiences that will challenge you to learn through action. The high intensity courses listed include opportunities to work in a real or simulated workplace, and to complete a self-assessment to help you reflect on what you have learned, the skills you have developed, and your readiness for the world of work.

Note: Consult the academic calendar for detailed course descriptions, prerequisites, and restrictions. Courses listed may not always be offered and are subject to change. Consult with offering departments for current availability.

Applied Research

An applied research course allows you to conduct research under faculty guidance in an academic, industry, or community setting. This experience will allow you to engage in systematic investigation and research in your field while being evaluated by faculty supervisors or staff.

- GEOG*4990 - Independent Study in Geography
- IDEV*3300 - Engaging in Development Practice
- POLS*4300 - Human Rights, Ethics & Development

Community Engaged Learning

A course that incorporates community engaged learning asks you to connect your learning and skill development to theoretical concepts through activities designed with a community organization to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

- POLS*4900 - Seminar in Political Science

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**Course-Integrated**

A course that has integrated experiential learning when it intentionally includes activities such as structured projects, laboratory work, design, simulations, performances, case studies, or entrepreneurship to enable you to display their academic learning and skill development.

- GEOG*2260 - Applied Human Geography
- GEOG*4150 - Catchment Processes
- GEOG*4480 - Applied Geomatics
- POLS*3320 - Politics of Aid & Development
- POLS*4730 - International Relations of Middle East

**Field Courses**

Field courses prepare you for professional work through first-hand investigation and analysis in a field location, led by faculty, for part of or the full duration of a semester.

- GEOG*4690 - Geography Field Research
- ISS*3270 - India Studies in Social Science
- POLS*3960 - Selected Topics in Political Science

**Professional Practice**

Professional practice is a course or program that allows you to shadow or work under the guidance of a professional in order to gain experience and develop skills related to a field of study. Professional practice opportunities include internships, externships and practicums.

- POLS*3850 - Experiential Learning in Political Science

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