



Introduction to Community-Engaged Learning at Southern Miss

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What does the CCE support?



Community-Engaged Learning, which includes

- Community-based experiences that support academic learning objectives
- Collaboration with organization(s) external to USM
- Structured reflection on how experiences connect with academic learning.

Academic Service-Learning, which has extra requirements:

- Collaborators are nonprofit, government, PK- 12 schools, or philanthropic
- Community-based experiences occur throughout semester: min. 15 hours
- Experiences meet a need identified by the community
- Has potential to impacts students' personal values and civic responsibility

Community-Engaged Research

- Scholarly or creative work in which university and community members work collaboratively to address critical societal issues.

What does the CCE support?



- Community-Engaged Learning
- Academic Service-Learning
 - ASL Designation: sets common definition and ensures best practices.
- Community-Engaged Research
- CCE offers faculty support
 - Course design/project ideas/training
 - Community partner ideas and introductions
 - Connections with other faculty and initiatives.
 - Research collaboration
 - Funding
 - Risk management



Why Community-Engaged Learning?

Good pedagogy

ASL is a HIP

Expand diversity of your field

Combine teaching, research, service

Recruit, recruit, recruit

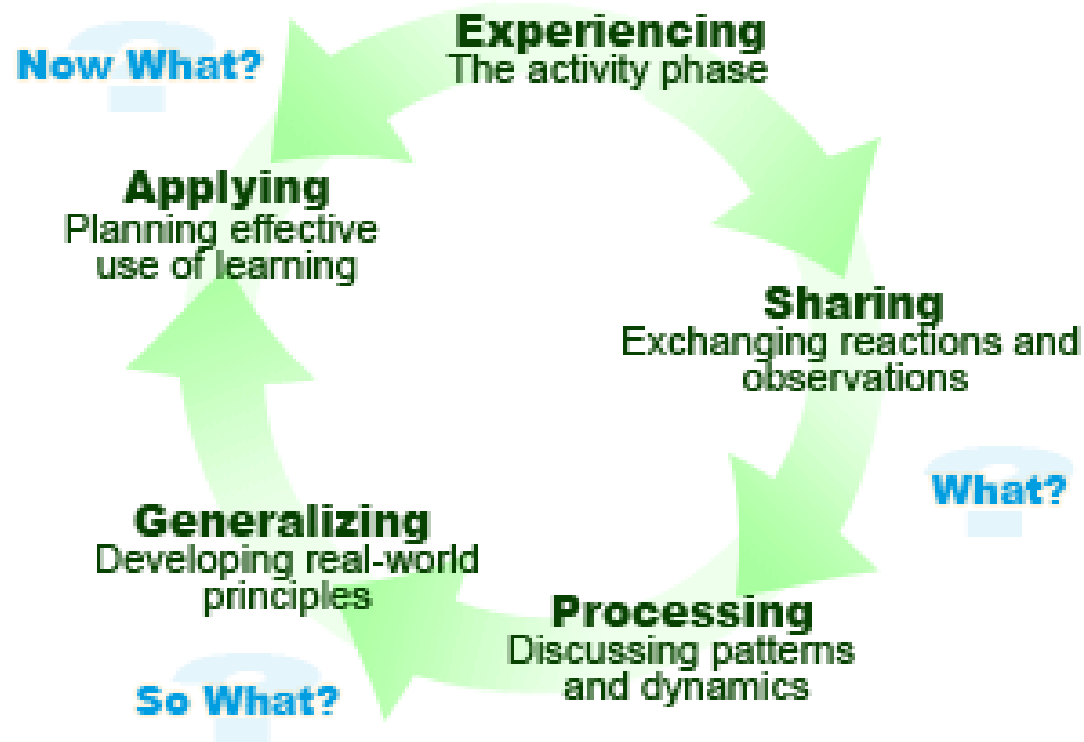
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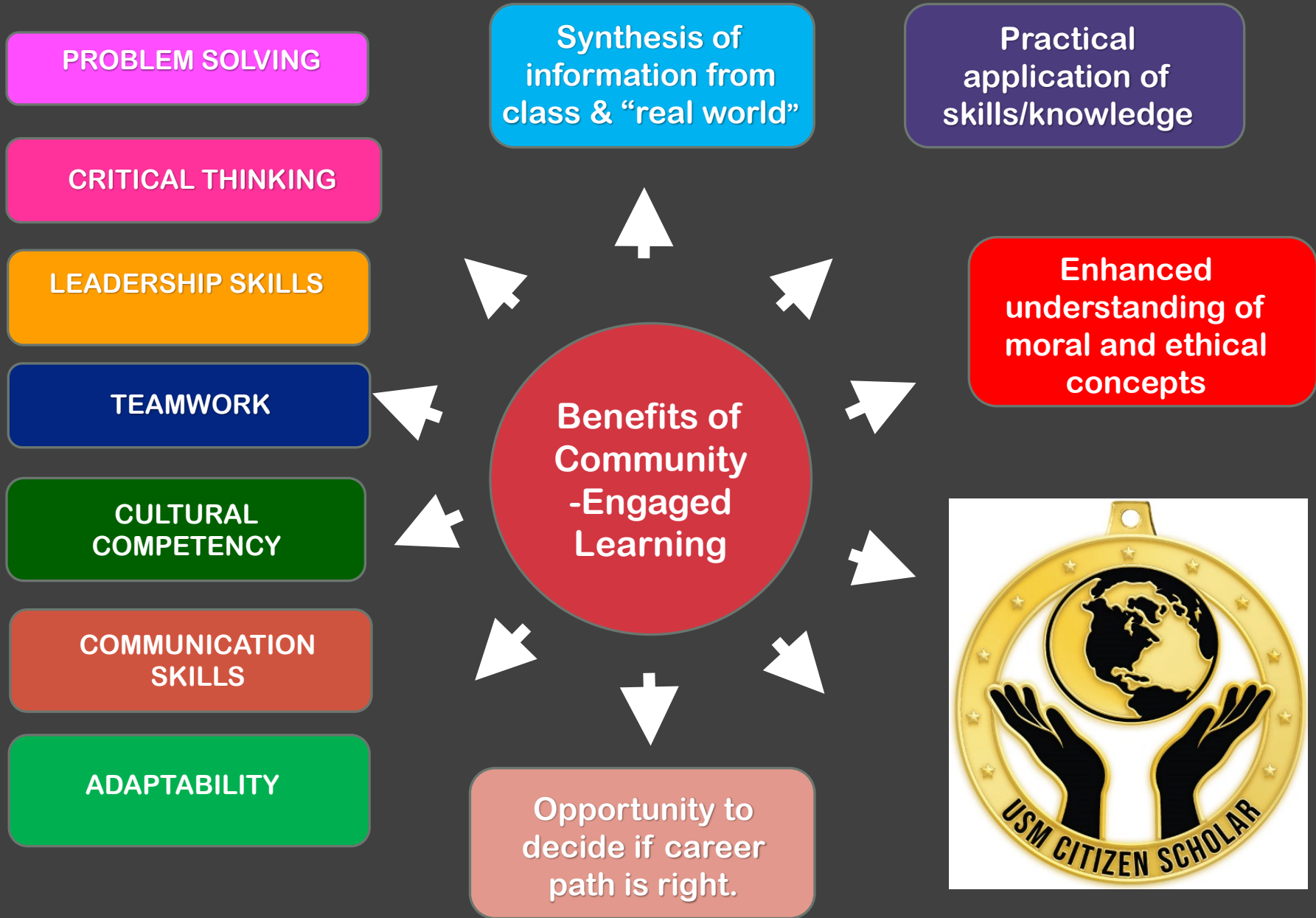
Accreditation:

- Example: Consistently communicate clearly, both verbally and in writing, and with persons from diverse educational and cultural backgrounds.

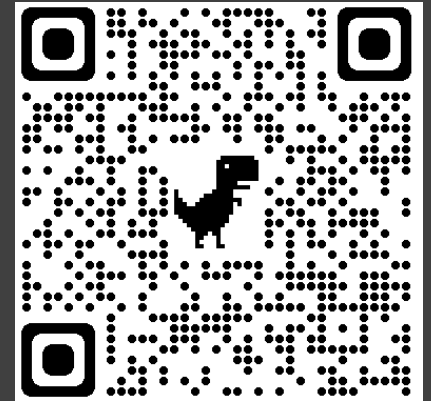
It's Good Pedagogy

The Experiential Learning Cycle





What does academic service-learning look like?



Direct Service

Direct service is service that directly affects the persons, animals, or places we want to impact. This may include volunteering or planning.



Indirect Service

Indirect service might take the form of fundraising or creating products. Doesn't require students to be in the presence of person or thing you are impacting.



Research

Research involves finding out new information that can be helpful to community.



Advocacy

Advocacy is when students speak up for or against an issue or raise awareness.



An
opportunity
to serve your
community
while you
learn!

**SERVICE-
LEARNING**

at Southern Miss



Training for academic service-learning (ASL)

- ❑ Faculty learning seminar is every spring (plus a shortened version in December).
- ❑ Guides faculty through theory and practice of service-learning
- ❑ Seminar participants commit to redesigning and teaching an ASL Designated Course within two years
- ❑ Faculty Fellows receive \$2400 to teach the initial service-learning course.

Interested?

First steps for faculty interested in community-engaged learning:

- Enroll in the seminar! Applications open in October
- Or... contact cce@usm.edu so we can provide support and/or partner suggestions
- Connect with your partner to determine what students will work on and when— what are services students can provide that will also enhance their learning?
- Develop your syllabus (we have a [checklist](#))
- Submit your [service-learning designation application](#)



Community-Engaged Research (CEnR) at USM

Work in which university and community members work collaboratively to address critical societal issues.



Interdisciplinary Investigations Research Series –

apps due in May 2024



Conville Endowment for Community Engaged Teaching and Research –

apps due May 15



Undergraduate Research:
Eagle SPUR Funding- apps due Mar. 15 & Oct. 15

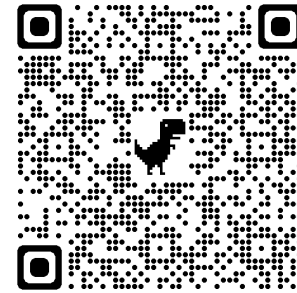


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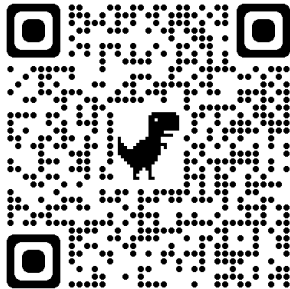
Learn about our community

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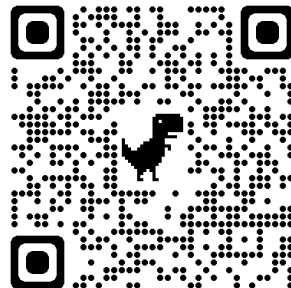
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- View opportunities at <https://volunteer.usm.edu>

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