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ELR STUDENT FAQ

What is the ELR?

ELR (Experiential Learning Requirement) is a university policy that requires all undergraduate students to engage in hands-on learning activities.

What should I know before getting started?

Which ELR option is best?

- Students should speak with an advisor to explore options

How many experiences can I have?

- Students are encouraged to have multiple experiences throughout their academic career

Who should complete the ELR?

- All Students (new and transfers) enrolled under the 2012-2013 catalog must complete the ELR prior to graduation

Is there an additional cost to enroll in an experiential learning course?

- No, there is no additional cost to students enrolled in 11-16 credit hours. Fees associated with enrollment outside of these parameters may vary by campus location

Can the OEECE help select a site for engaged learning?

- Yes, the OEECE staff can help you hone in on your interests and identify a site that meets your academic and professional needs

Get started, contact the OEECE
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In what ways can the ELR be fulfilled?

1. **ELR Designated Full Course** - which has experiential learning activities throughout all sections
2. **ELR Designated Course Section** - which has experiential learning activities taught by a faculty member teaching one section of a course
3. **Plus-1 Credit Course** - students complete a one-hour "add on" whereby they develop their own learning objectives to engage in activities to enhance the learning associated with a course in which they are currently enrolled
4. **Non-Course Activity** - may include co-curricular activities of professional student organizations, alternative spring breaks, and global study experiences

How far in advance should applications be submitted?

- Get approval early. When possible, consult with a potential supervising faculty member and the OEECE prior to the start of the semester
- Plus-1 Credit applications are due to the OEECE by the 4th week of each semester
- Non-course applications are due at least **one week** prior to the experience
- Due dates may vary by supervising **faculty members**

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Benefits of the ELR

Students

- Enhance learning through the application of classroom knowledge in real-world settings
- Get an early start to showcase talents and abilities
- Strengthen skills and obtain a marketable advantage to 21st century employers
- Develop positive professional practices
- A more enjoyable and fun learning experience

Community

- Develops partnerships with faculty, staff, and students
- Offers opportunities to increase public awareness and support
- Obtains skilled to support that assist in meeting the agency's mission

Kent State University

- Supports Kent State's mission to "foster ethical and humanitarian values in service of Ohio and the global community"

To access of list of courses designated as an Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR), go to the academic tab (from the KSU home page) and click "catalog" under the quick links. Once there, click on the "course information" tab, and finally click "experiential learning requirement."

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