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# The Value of Experience and Reflection

Students Building Skills for Future Success

UTM Student Affairs & Services

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# The Value of Experience and Reflection

- What is integrated learning?
- Importance today to students, families, employers, graduate programs
- Integrated learning at U of T and UTM
- Integrated learning through Student Affairs activities
- Examples





# What is Integrated Learning

- Experience
- Reflection and articulation
- Critical analysis, experimentation
- Future goal clarity, skills, employer and graduate school needs

# Integrated Learning at U of T

Rethinking Higher Education Curricula, U of T White paper June 2017

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| Co-op                                   | Community-engaged learning project                       | Research/project-based consulting  |
| Placement                               | Community-engaged research/scholarship                   | Incubator and accelerator  |
| Practicum                               | Service learning course                                  | Research/teaching assistantship  |
| Internship                              | Community event  | Entrepreneurial development  |
| Professional experience year            | Knowledge mobilization activity with workplace/community | Community action project   |
| Independent or applied research project | Science to society project                               | Other activities that are demonstrably linked to a specific engagement with community and that meet the above criteria |

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# Integrated Learning at UTM

Academic, co-curricular



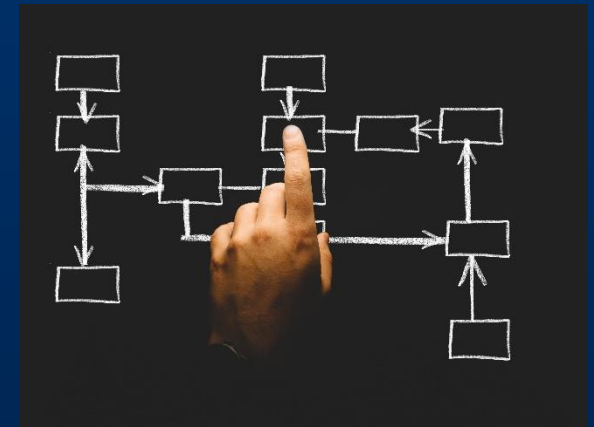
# UTM Student Affairs and Integrated Learning

855 different IL opportunities across Student Affairs and Services



# Reflection

Always a crucial component, done in many ways





# Reflection

- Articulate value in many ways
- Identify next steps for skill/future clarity development





# Some successful programs

- Social Innovation Projects
- UTM Abroad
- Work Study
- SAS hiring

All captured in the Co-Curricular Record (CCR)



# Successful partnerships

- Alternative Reading Week
- BIO 210 Pilot Project
- Business French
- Management 464



# Student Voice

- “Students are developing competencies in many things that they do, but they just don’t know it” Cannexus presenter, 2019
- Develop self awareness as intentional and proactive learners
- Strengthen ‘future readiness’

# What's next...

- Continue to develop IL experiences at UTM
- Questions?
- Thank you

