Signature Experience courses at GSU transform the traditional classroom through student-centered approaches that emphasize learning by doing, active reflection of experiences, and the development of a final product.

Why?
Students learn best if able to actively construct their own knowledge and strengthen career-empowering skills through hands-on experiences. Research on experiential learning shows that this curriculum shapes the development of new ideas that further advances a student’s educational journey. Offering Signature Experiences in your curriculum not only benefits students who are able to seize these opportunities as part of their major but is recognized and celebrated as innovative instruction.

Where?
Signature Experience courses vary greatly by setting. Students might study abroad, participate in internships, or gain experiences in the field or related professional settings. They might conduct research in the lab, engage in creative processes that produce works of art, collaborate with community service organizations, or work on multi-week projects in the classroom with real-world applications.

When?
Experiential learning within a course should be a sustained experience, not merely a day or week, and well-integrated into the course framework.

How?
Types of approaches utilized in or beyond the classroom to consider in course development can include active learning, place-based learning, problem-based learning, project-based learning, and service-learning. Funding and resources in support of course development are available through CETL, Career Services, and Signature Experiences.

Who?
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