Connected Learning Opportunities for Pre-Major Students

Connecting you to new skills, community, research, and the world

Why?

Hands-on experiential learning courses and programs will help you find belonging and community, gain career skills and professional contacts, apply for merit scholarships, and contribute to a more just and equitable community on and off-campus. Experiential learning isn’t “extra”: many opportunities fulfill general education requirements and are an integral part of UW Bothell majors.

When?

Get involved right away! You don’t have to wait until you’re a junior or a senior. In fact, national research shows that students who participate in these high-impact practices (HIPs) during their first year in college and in subsequent years are more likely to remain engaged in college, graduate within six years, and be successful after college.

How?

This handout provides an introduction to high-impact, experiential learning opportunities that are open to pre-major students this coming year.

The Office of Connected Learning (OCL) is committed to access and success for all students by promoting and supporting a range of co-curricular applied experiences that further cross-disciplinary learning, career connections, and contributions to a more just and equitable community on and off-campus.

“I focused my Community Based Learning experiences on community work and healthcare, to help strengthen my skills and broaden my horizons. I interned with organizations including Bloodworks NW, King County Public Health and the Midwives’ Association of Washington State where I am now the Executive Director!”

-Vy Mai, Health Studies, 2022

I have learned so much from not only my professors but my peers. A diverse set of individuals can create such a dialogue that allows you to explore yourself and others on what it means to be a global citizen and understand others better, regardless if they hold a different perspective than you.

-Naomi Yohannes, Global Scholar 2020

1) Learn more on the Connected Learning website, www.uwb.edu/ocl
2) Meet with a peer advisor or professional staff on our team to explore specific opportunities. Schedule an appointment via Navigate, https://uwb.campus.eab.com/
Global Initiatives connects students to global engagement opportunities locally and abroad, including: UW Bothell courses with virtual international collaboration, study abroad, the year-long Global Scholars Program, and international scholarships. Community-Engaged Learning & Research provides hands-on, reflective, skill-building opportunities for students to engage with campus and community projects. Through a mutually beneficial exchange with community partners, students can apply theory to practice, develop professional experience, and contribute to the public good.

Research & Creative Projects for Undergraduates supports students to find research experiences or creative projects enabling them to better understand published works, learn to balance collaborative and individual work, and jump-start their careers.

UW Bothell Collaboratory is a creative environment with the equipment needed for curricular and co-curricular maker endeavors. Located on the first floor of Discovery Hall, the Collaboratory is a free resource for students, faculty, and staff.

**WINTER**

**Language, Knowledge and Power: Writing in Ghana and the U.S. [B WRIT 134]**

Engage in a unique COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) experience where you will think about, write about, and talk about (academic) writing, power, and language from a global perspective with students attending the University of Ghana. Our activities and assignments will focus on unpacking the roles of power, knowledge, and language on the writing we produce.  

**Study Abroad In Japan- Ehime Prefecture in National and Global Contexts [BIS 398]**

Ehime Prefecture—like Western Washington—is home to a unique culture that also has countless connections to the rest of the world. In fact, the founder of the largest Japanese food and goods stores in the U.S.—Uwajimaya in Seattle and Bellevue—was from Ehime. By studying the local history, economy, and culture of this vibrant prefecture, in partnership with Ehime University, we will explore how regions with unique local culture also exemplify a global economy and culture.

**DEADLINE: NOV 1, 2022**

**Introduction to American Government [BIS 175]**

Students work in groups to research a challenge question, conduct a literature review, and make recommendations to support community partner strategic goals.

**OFFERED ALL QUARTERS**

**Supervised exploration of computing related topic or research [CSS 198 & 199]**

Supervised exploration of computing-related topic or faculty-led research project. Students should bring a proposal to a potential faculty advisor/mentor who will review it and determine if it is sufficient to grant credit as independent study or research.

**OFFERED ALL QUARTERS**

**Latino Leadership Initiative Program [BHLTH 498 A]**

This program empowers Latino/a/x university students to be civically engaged and exposes them to a variety of educational and career options. Students participate in a community-engaged learning project in King, Snohomish, and Snohomish Counties. Even though this is a 400 level health course, this course is open to students from all majors and all levels.

**DEADLINE: NOV 1, 2022**

**SPRING**

**Global Scholars Program [BIS 318]**

Join a community of students from diverse backgrounds to think through global issues and explore diversity, difference, and identity as central to all global engagements. Global Scholars receive individualized support to find a global experience—either local or abroad—and take two courses together that encourage critical reflection and exploration in a supportive community of fellow students and staff.

**DEADLINE: NOV 1, 2022**

**Digital Scholars Program**

As a Digital Scholar, you will join a supportive cohort community and gain digital skills that employers are looking for. These skills include digital marketing, data analytics, social media, and data visualization. Digital Scholars program is for pre-major and first generation students.

**DEADLINE: FEB 1, 2023**

**Applied Theatre and Community Building [BCORE 120]**

Students create community theater with elders in a Dementia-inclusive program.

**OFFERED ALL QUARTERS**

**Field Based Learning - Health and Wellness [B CUSP 199 Section B]**

Students work in groups and engage in projects with a community organization that focus on how different health and wellness fields address needs in society. Students work as a class and in teams to develop Scratch coding curriculum which they use to teach elementary or middle school students in an after-school coding program.

**K-12 Computer Education [CSS 295]**

Students work as a class and in teams to develop Scratch coding curriculum which they use to teach elementary or middle school students in an after-school coding program.

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**Education and Society [BEDUC 220 A]**

Students explore equity and access in the U.S. education system and address inequities through work with community partners, such as local schools, YMCAs, Pacific Science Center and the WAI Alliance for Education and Society.

**SUMMER**

**Study Abroad In France & Spain- Americans in Europe: Exile & Belonging [BIS 480]**

Trace histories of Americans who have gone to Europe looking for belonging, exile, freedom, fantasy, love, and war while reflecting critically on your own experiences in Spain and France. Follow in the footsteps of Josephine Baker and Beyoncé. Learn Spanish over tapas. Stay with a local host family. This program earns 12 credits in just one month and fulfills VLPA, I&S and DIV requirements.

**DEADLINE: NOV 1, 2022**

**Student Research Gatherings**

Meet with your peers across campus who are involved in research or creative projects. Come and join us on the second Tuesday of every month, between 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Enjoy some pizza, soda, and a laidback conversation. The Director of Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects is looking forward to your feedback and suggestions.

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**Data Visualization [BIS 232]**

Students explore introductory topics in film studies through participation in viewings and writing in collaboration with community-based film center.

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**Introduction to Film Studies [BIS 261]**

Students work with community partner survey data to analyze, address problem areas, and provide visualizations and recommendations.

**HEALTH & NATURAL SCIENCES**

**K-12 Computer Education [CSS 295]**

Students work as a class and in teams to develop Scratch coding curriculum which they use to teach elementary or middle school students in an after-school coding program.

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**Student Research Workshops**

Monthly workshops to learn about types of research opportunities available for students; your rights as a student researcher; tips, and tricks of doing research, or any other issue that you have questions about.

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