

ACADEMIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ACE)

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Academic Community Engagement (ACE) courses connect academic content to community engagement through collaboration with community partners. ACE courses align with the Carnegie Foundation's classification of community engagement as "the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity."

ACE courses are approved by the ACE Advisory Council based on criteria that include, but are not limited to: reciprocity with community partners; demonstration of relevant and meaningful community engagement; clear articulation of intended student learning outcomes and community goals; methods of assessment of student outcomes and of community outcomes; and evidence of integration of academic and engagement goals. Faculty teaching ACE courses employ a variety of methods to engage the community. For more details and a complete list of all ACE-designated courses, refer to the Office of Civic and Community Engagement website (<https://communityengagement.wfu.edu/faculty-staff/acecourses/>).