

Enhance Experiential Learning Opportunities

Key Strategies

- Promote and more fully integrate community and global experience in the academic curriculum
- Increase internships, coop, study abroad, and community engagement
- Accurately track and measure the experiences of students

Year Three Update:

In 2008, USI was recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a "Community Engaged University." The University remains committed to engagement and collaboration with the Tri-state and beyond.

USI's Service Learning program gives students opportunities to apply their knowledge to "real world" experiences while providing valuable services to the community. The percentage of USI graduates who completed one or more Service Learning courses is 69 percent, up from just 2 percent in 2008-2009.



Internships and co-op opportunities, providing students real-work experience, have doubled since 2007. In 2012, USI Career Services reported an increase of nearly 100 additional internships since last year, up to 475 total.

USI's emphasis on study abroad opportunities has resulted in the tripling of student study abroad participation to 209 students in 2011-2012.

Opportunities for undergraduate students to gain real research experience have significantly expanded, as has the demand for funding for academic-related travel by students.

To allow students to track their experiential learning and other extracurricular activities, USI recently purchased ORGSync software.