COVID-19 & Your Experiential Learning Graduation Requirement

Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all University System of Georgia institutions suspended instruction for two weeks to allow time for USG institutions to test their business continuity plans and online instruction modules and for state officials to continue to assess the current situation regarding coronavirus (COVID–19) in Georgia. Additionally, out of an abundance of caution, the US Department of State, the CDC, various employers, non-profit and community agencies, research laboratories, and others have taken measures that may have disrupted the viability of the Spring or Summer Experiential Learning course or non-credit activity with which you intended to fulfill the University of Georgia’s Experiential Learning Requirement.

Has Your Spring or Summer Experiential Learning Activity Been Disrupted?
Four Possible Scenarios:

1. **My EL Credit Bearing Course Will Complete:** If a student is enrolled in a credit-bearing course that satisfies their EL requirement, AND the course is completed successfully this semester regardless of instructional format (face to face, remote work, online, hybrid, etc.), then the student will automatically have met their EL Requirement. No further action is necessary.

2. **My EL Non-Credit Activity Will Complete:** If a student is completing a non-credit bearing experience to fulfill their EL requirement, AND if that activity is completed successfully as planned (e.g. internships, service-learning, clinical residency, etc.) then the student would meet their EL requirement. No further action is necessary.

3. **My EL Course or Non-Credit Activity Will Be Disrupted:** If a student’s EL activity (credit-bearing or non-credit bearing) is disrupted and cannot be completed as scheduled, then the activity needs to be reviewed by the Office of University Experiential Learning to assess whether it may still meet the minimum threshold to meet the student’s EL requirement (e.g., the number of hours completed). Students should contact Kay Stanton, Senior Coordinator of Experiential Learning Programs (okay@uga.edu). Note that many students complete multiple EL activities over the course of their academic programs, and it is possible that they would have met their EL requirement through a previously completed EL activity.

4. **My EL Course or Non-Credit Activity Cannot Be Completed and I Plan to Graduate in Spring/Summer 2020:** If a student has not completed any approved Experiential Learning activity, AND their currently scheduled EL activity is disrupted and cannot be completed, AND their academic plans do not allow for the completion of another EL activity without delaying their graduation, then the student should contact Kay Stanton, Senior Coordinator of Experiential Learning Programs (okay@uga.edu).

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