Office of Experiential Learning and Teaching
Fast Facts about Experiential Learning Practicum Courses

What is a practicum?
- An opportunity to explore course work on a deeper level through research, lab work, service or project-based work
- A supplementary 2 credit course attached to a relevant 4 credit base course
- A meaningful application of base course content

What are the benefits of teaching a practicum?
- Provides a bridge between theory and practice
- Enhances student learning outcomes
- Establishes close student/faculty engagement
- Develops a network of enthusiastic students committed to the subject
- Explores different teaching and learning methods

How do I create a practicum?
- Consult with the Office of Experiential Learning and Teaching
- Create a 2-credit EL 94a pilot practicum which can run up to 3 times within 3 academic years
- If you want to continue teaching the practicum after the pilot period, the practicum must go through the formal course approval process.
  - This is the same process for regular courses, except that faculty members are required to meet with the Office of Experiential Learning and Teaching.
  - You can go through formal course approval at any time during the pilot period
- All pilot and approved practicum courses must enroll a minimum of 3 students

For more information on the practicum course options, please contact:

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