



Brock Experiences

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Trip vs. Program/Experience

A Brock Experience is always going to be referred to as either a program or experience. A program is a planned series of events or activities whereas a trip is a journey or excursion, especially for pleasure. The University is intentional in this language because a Brock Experience is a challenging program that will explore important contemporary issues and bring together students and faculty from different perspectives and academic disciplines for the purposes of learning and citizenship.

Civic Issue

An unresolved issue that can be addressed or potentially solved by a community, state, or society. This issue should feature a variety of viewpoints around which reasonable people might disagree. The issue will require a holistic approach for resolution. While historical context will be important in understanding any given civic issue, for a Brock Experience course the issue should be framed as a future-oriented, unresolved question.

Transdisciplinary Course

The highest degree of collaboration; integrating various academic disciplines and transcending their traditional boundaries. All the Brock Programs are transdisciplinary in nature because the faculty that have created them come from many fields of study and integrate some aspects from each of their professional backgrounds, creating a unique course that does not fit neatly into one discipline.

Program fee vs. Tuition

The program fee is a separate fee from the tuition and is paid to the program account. It can be used to cover lodging for the experience, travel around the location, educational materials and activities, and about 2 meals per day. Tuition is controlled by the university and is charged at the standard rate per credit.

Fellow

A Brock Fellow is a tenured or tenure-track faculty member who has been selected to pilot a new Brock Experience course that has not yet transitioned into a mature Brock Experience course. Fellowship incorporates the first 2 years of a Brock Experience's life. It involves planning, creation, and collaboration. Following the Fellowship period, this faculty-member will be known as the program lead.

Instructional Faculty

These university employees represent a particular academic discipline within the course content. At the leadership of the Fellow/Program Lead, they are primarily responsible for development, planning, logistics, team composition, etc.

Brock Team Members

These university employees have expertise in student success, student life, or some other area of the University. While they are not classified as instructional faculty, they form an important core of a Brock course as they bring their unique perspective to the academic inquiry. Examples may include Student Affairs professionals or librarians.

Pilot course

Pilot refers to the first time a Brock course travels and all of the preceding development.

Mature course

A mature Brock course has completed the entire 2-year fellowship program and has been approved by the university to become a full-fledged course.

Pre-Departure

The period of time where students are engaged in course work before they travel to the course location. Usually, this is 3-4 days during Senior Week.