

Principles of Community Engagement at APU

APU community engagement is demonstrated through the cooperative and collaborative partnership between university administration, faculty, staff, and students with local, regional, national, and international communities for the sharing of knowledge and resources in the context of mutuality and reciprocity. APU's engagement strategies reflect our Christian ethos and aim to equip students, faculty, and staff to responsibly and respectfully engage diverse communities.

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A Reflection of our Christian Ethos

This is evidenced by engagement that has faith-integrated preparation & reflection, demonstrates intercultural competence development, has a Christ-centered philosophy & approach, is civic-minded development and has foundations in biblical principles

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Purposeful and Goal-Oriented

We value participant reported impact & action, clear goals & measured outcomes including critical reflection as an outcome, as well as intentional design, including holistic preparation, activity, and post-experience integration and reflection, alongside personal and professional development

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Cooperative and Collaborative

We care about careful planning & preparation, community responsiveness, developing flexible & adaptable participants, sharing of knowledge & resources, and consistent open communication

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Mutual and Reciprocal

We seek out inclusion of asset-based perspectives, equitable & mutual relationships, student involvement in experiential learning which leads to a deepened understanding of each other and an emphasis on co-created projects & partnerships

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Responsible and Respectful

We need diverse partnerships, continuity - short & long term implications which include plans for sustainability and ensuring safe practices, with intentional design for accessibility for all populations