MT Engage:
Fostering Engaged Learning at MTSU

Engage Academically. Learn Exponentially.
Showcase Yourself.
MT Engage Goals

MT Engage was designed to:

• Foster a culture of engaged learning; and

• Improve student retention, progression, and graduation.
How Does MT Engage Support Engaged Learning?

MT Engage is focused on enhancing students’ academic engagement by:

1. Providing students with high impact pedagogies
2. Challenging students to use integrative thinking and reflection across multiple contexts and educational experiences.
Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

• **Use integrative thinking and reflection** across multiple contexts and educational experiences; and

• **Develop an ePortfolio** which will showcase the integration of the knowledge, skills, and abilities gained during their time at MTSU.
1. Providing High-Impact Educational Practices

1. first year seminars
2. common intellectual experiences • flipped classrooms
3. learning communities
4. writing intensive courses
5. collaborative assignments • project based learning • Reacting to the Past
6. undergraduate research
7. global learning • education abroad
8. service community-based learning • civic engagement • experiential learning (EXL)
9. internships
10. capstone courses/projects
11. ePortfolios *(added in 2017)*

Expanded from Kuh (2008) and NSSE (2015)
2. Challenging Students to Use Integrative Thinking & Reflection

Students will be assessed on their ability to:

1) Make connections to relevant experiences
2) Make connections across academic disciplines
3) Adapt and apply information to new situations
4) Communicate information effectively
5) Reflect and self-assess

Modified from the AAC&U Integrative Thinking VALUE Rubric
MT Engage Initiatives

Curriculum initiatives:

1. MT Engage Foundation Pathway: Faculty support for enhancing existing courses

2. MT Engage Major Pathway: Departmental support for curriculum development and redesign to incorporate MT Engage components.
MT Engage Initiatives (Cont.)

These initiatives will support the curricular pathways:

3. **MT Engage Faculty Development**

4. **MT Engage Experiences:**
   - MT Engage Week is held each fall to highlight the many opportunities available to students.
   - Students develop an ePortfolio.

5. **MT Engage Recognition Program:** Recognizes students who complete various levels of these learning experiences with scholarships, cash awards, etc.
Benefits of MT Engage for Students

• Become eligible for awards and incentives
• Improve as integrative, reflective thinkers with the ability to:
  • connect learning across multiple experiences;
  • adapt and apply information; and
  • reflect and self-assess
• Understand what they gained during their time at MTSU
• Complete an ePortfolio to share with graduate school or employer
Benefits of MT Engage for Faculty and Departments

• Faculty development: FLCs and Summer Institute
• Professional Learning Communities
• Use of ePortfolio as a culminating experience and to assess student learning
• Improved Integrative Thinking and Reflection by students who are supported in:
  • connecting learning across multiple experiences;
  • adapting and applying information; and
  • reflecting and self-assessing
Resources

