

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

- Association of American Colleges and Universities. “Integrative Learning VALUE Rubric.” 2009.
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