

Co-Curricular Learning

While “curricular” refers to what happens in the formal academic curriculum, co-curricular programs and activities complement classroom learning outside formal academics. These programs support the college's mission and values while enhancing student success and the overall educational experience.

Pierpont’s co-curricular outcomes complement the general education outcomes and enhance the overall student experience and apply to students in all degree programs:

Professionalism/Leadership

Teamwork/Collaboration

Cultural Competency

Critical Thinking/Problem-Solving

Social Responsibility

Personal growth and development

Co-Curricular Learning: Academic Programming

Each Pierpont degree program provides at least one co-curricular activity annually to connect classroom learning with real-world professional practice. These experiences support students' personal and professional development and help them embody the Pierpont graduate profile.

Co-curricular activities complement classroom learning as optional opportunities. Faculty may reward student participation but cannot penalize non-participation, ensuring these experiences remain voluntary rather than required. All co-curricular activities are intended to promote student engagement and persistence to degree.

Examples of program-sponsored co-curricular activities include guest speaker presentations, worksite visits, college or community service projects, and participation in *Learn & Earn* programs through regional employers.

Each academic program is responsible for developing co-curricular experiences relevant to their field and aligned with the college mission.

Co-Curricular Learning: Student Services

Beyond its academic curriculum, the institution provides comprehensive out-of-classroom opportunities for all students.

Co-curricular activities available to students include student organizations and student government; programs through offices such as Career Services, Tutoring, Learning Support, and Student Employment; and student engagement activities. Co-curricular programming through Student Services is offered to students at no cost.