The Community-Service Learning Practicum (CSL 360) courses encompass a broad range of experiential learning opportunities for students. Courses with a CSL Practicum component include Environmental Studies/Science, Outdoor Education, Science Fair Mentorship, Senior Leadership Mentors, etc. Your CSL Practicum Course involves participating in your placement and attending a series of workshops relevant to your specific project, and as you work through your CSL 360 practicum, you will fulfill the parameters of the Learning Contract you develop with your instructor in order to trace the progress of your project.

The CSL 360 Learning Contract is designed to guide student learning throughout the progress of unique CSL projects. Your Learning Contract will outline the specific learning objectives and project goals you plan to achieve in your placement. The contract will outline how these outcomes and goals will be achieved through reflective work, project writing, a series of relevant workshops, and readings related to your placement. The parameters of these Learning Contracts will differ according to each specific placement, since each individual student will have a different learning pathway according to the nature of their project. As you work through and reflect on your CSL practicum over the course of the semester, you will work both independently and with the director to fulfill the goals and requirements entrenched in your Learning Contract.

**CSL 360: Workshop Series Component**

As you work toward achieving the goals you’ve outlined in your Learning Contract for this course, you have the opportunity to participate in a series of workshops that are relevant to your particular project. These workshops will take on a variety of topics, and throughout the progress of your CSL project you can choose specific workshops that coincide with your own personal learning goals. In order to fulfill the requirements of the workshop series component of CSL 360, you must attend and participate in **four to six** workshops, which will take place on Wednesday evenings throughout the academic year. **Note:** Details about workshops in the 3-week block are still being determined, but will not conflict with your CSL projects.

These workshops will take on a variety of themes, and you will have the opportunity to gain critical insight into topics that are relevant to your field of study. The knowledge and skills that you’ll gain from these sessions will not only help shape and supplement your CSL project, but will also provide you with valuable knowledge and experience as you venture onto your career path. You can mix-and-match appropriate workshops that are relevant to your project and areas of interest, and these particular sessions will contribute to the fulfillment of your CSL 360 Learning Contract. Topics covered in these workshops, which will run throughout both the 3 and 11 blocks in the academic year, may include:

- What is experiential learning?
- Explorations of different learning styles
- How to effectively lead a discussion
- Experiential learning and careers
- Place-based learning
- Teaching methods
- Organizing and presenting data
- Logic models
- Ethics
- Professionalism

While you are not required to attend every workshop, it is important that you make space in your schedule for this course each Wednesday evening so that you can connect with your project cohort. The skills you learn in these workshops may also contribute to your course work reflections. This workshop component gives you an opportunity to shape your own personal experience in your CSL placement by allowing you to choose workshops that are specifically relevant to your interests and your project—essentially, you are in charge of designing your own learning experience.