



POLICY 9.27

POSITION POLICY

Co-Curricular Record

POLICY INTENT

To outline the position of AUSU regarding the need for Athabasca University (AU) to offer and track students' gainful experiences outside the digital classroom.

POLICY RESEARCH

To date, more than 80 Canadian universities and colleges have begun offering a co-curricular record to their learners.¹ A co-curricular record is a space where institutions can facilitate and track learning opportunities that are offered outside of the traditional classroom.² These records are an important tool students will often use to help them stand out when applying to graduate schools, for bursaries and scholarships, and to boost their resume and cover letters.³ Furthermore, this record is more important to learners who wish to obtain required skills, such as leadership, to further their current careers or improve their career prospects.

As the co-curricular record is being widely adopted by many Canadian institutions, it is important that Athabasca University (AU) remains competitive by developing their own co-curricular record so that AU learners can take advantage of these additional learning experiences and not fall behind. Simply earning a degree is no longer enough to succeed; this record is a step towards AU offering the resources to ensure AU graduates have the ability to remain competitive in the job market or to gain entry into competitive graduate or other professional schools while allowing learners to explore interests outside of the virtual classroom.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca University Students Union will advocate to Athabasca University for the implementation of a co-curricular record to ensure that AU students have the same opportunities as other post-secondary learners and the records needed to achieve their future employment and academic goals.

¹ McGill university. (2020). *Co-Curricular Record*. Retrieved from mcgill.ca: <https://www.mcgill.ca/involvement/ccr>.

² Canadian Association of College & University Student Services. (2020). *Co-Curricular Record/Transcript*. Retrieved from cacuss.ca: <https://www.cacuss.ca/online-community/ccr/index.html>.

³ Concordia University. (2020). *Co-curricular Record*. Retrieved from concordia.ca: <http://www.concordia.ca/students/ccr.html>.