**1009X Work-Based Learning Experience Development Syllabus**

**Course Title**: Work-Based Learning Experience  
**Course Duration**: Person centered depending on wants and desires

**Course Overview:**

This course provides students with practical, hands-on experiences that connect classroom learning with real-world work environments. Through a variety of work-based learning activities such as internships, job shadowing, career mentorship, and volunteer opportunities, students will explore their career interests, develop professional skills, and enhance their employability.

**Course Objectives:**

1. Identify and pursue various work-based learning opportunities depending on individual path.
2. Develop key professional competencies such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.
3. Reflect on their personal career interests and aspirations.
4. Gain practical experience through internships, job shadowing, and volunteer work.
5. Engage in career-related competitions to enhance their skills.

**Breakdown depending on student’s wants and desires:**

**1: Internships (Paid & Unpaid)**

* **Topic**: Internships – Structure, Expectations, and Benefits
* **Key Activities**:
  + How to find, apply for, and succeed in internships
  + Guest speaker: Recent intern sharing their experience
  + Internship orientation session (if applicable)

**2: Workplace Tours and Field Trips**

* **Topic**: Understanding Work Environments Through Tours and Field Trips
* **Key Activities**:
  + Tour of a local business or organization
  + Reflecting on the experience and comparing various work environments

**3: Job Shadowing**

* **Topic**: Observing Professionals in Action
* **Key Activities**:
  + Organizing and preparing for job shadowing opportunities
  + Shadowing a professional in a chosen field

**4: Career Mentorship**

* **Topic**: Building Professional Relationships Through Mentorship
* **Key Activities**:
  + Finding a mentor within a chosen field
  + Setting expectations for mentorship and relationship-building

**5: Informational Interviews**

* **Topic**: Networking and Gaining Insights Through Informational Interviews
* **Key Activities**:
  + Preparing for and conducting informational interviews with professionals
  + Interviewing two individuals in the student’s field of interest

**6: Service Learning and Community Engagement**

* **Topic**: Learning Through Community Service
* **Key Activities**:
  + Introduction to service learning and its role in career development
  + Organize a community service project or volunteer opportunity

**7: Student-Led Enterprises**

* **Topic**: Entrepreneurial Learning and Leadership
* **Key Activities**:
  + Developing and presenting a business idea
  + Hands-on activities related to running a student-led enterprise

**8: Simulated Workplace Experience**

* **Topic**: Experiencing the Workplace Through Simulations
* **Key Activities**:
  + Participate in simulated work environments or role-playing activities
  + Solving real-world business problems through simulations

**9: Volunteering**

* **Topic**: Giving Back While Gaining Experience
* **Key Activities**:
  + Volunteering for a nonprofit or community organization
  + Understanding the skills learned through volunteer work

**11: Career-Related Competitions**

* **Topic**: Building Skills Through Competitions
* **Key Activities**:
  + Introduction to career-related competitions (e.g., business pitch competitions, coding challenges)
  + Participating in a competition relevant to the student’s career goals

**12: Paid and Non-Paid Work Experience**

* **Topic**: Evaluating Paid vs Non-Paid Work Opportunities
* **Key Activities**:
  + Differences between paid and unpaid work experiences
  + Benefits of both work experiences for career development

**13: Career Pathways and Networking**

* **Topic**: Mapping Career Pathways Through Networking
* **Key Activities**:
  + Networking strategies for career development
  + Building a LinkedIn profile and professional portfolio