This course is a pilot project focused on the Learning Portfolio. It seeks to cultivate students’ mentoring skills and to enhance their capacity for lifelong, collaborative and reflective learning.

Participating students were recruited through personal invitation and a general announcement from the Faculty of Social Sciences. The course was capped at 30 and 27 students are enrolled.

Students’ individual goals and interests drive their explorations and they share their discoveries with each other throughout the term.

The course is facilitated rather than taught so that students can develop their own learning goals and mentoring skills.

As well as attending required workshops on the use of the Learning Portfolio platform and on peer mentoring, students have chosen to explore the following features of the university and local community:

- McMaster Nuclear Reactor
- Allan H. Gould Trading Floor
- The Anti-Violence Network
- McMaster Museum of Art
- Eucharist Church
- William Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections
- David Braley Athletic Centre
- W.J. McCallion Planetarium
- Centre for Simulation Based Learning
- Exchange opportunities and experiential learning

The students have organized tours and will develop presentations using the Learning Portfolio platform for evaluation by peers.

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