

Design for Momentum: Meaning-making through Reflection in LifeLab

How might we design for meaning-making that builds momentum towards student goals? This is the essential question at the heart of the service provided in LifeLab. LifeLab is where University of Arizona students can find clear next steps for support and engagement, not only for their time as a college student but to build toward their life beyond college. The on-demand service centers around a dynamic, peer-driven model that is rooted in critical reflection, followed by a concrete connection to the wide range of high-impact engagements such as internships. We want to explore what we have tested, where we have failed, and how we move forward by learning together. In this session, you can expect to engage in reflection on your practice, process while considering context, and commit to action with support from the campus community.

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