Service Learning

Student Learning Objectives in Service Learning Courses Are Linked to Specific Community-Based Agency Needs

Community Service in Academic Curriculum = “Service Learning” Opportunities

Partnerships with Community-Based Organizations Lead to Enhanced Student Learning and Civic Participation in Service Learning

What is service learning?... It’s not the same as volunteering...

Service learning is community service that is:

- a part of a course or
- a structured project or activity.

Service learning includes academic preparation, service activities needed by the community, and structured reflection.

The Benefits of Service Learning for Students:

- Enriched learning supports what you are learning in class
- Documented experience (ServScript Program)
- Skill development (real world experience)

- Improved self esteem
- Critical thinking skills
- Understanding diversity issues
- Interpersonal skills (including self-discovery)
- Degree and career planning
- Impact on social problems
- Job contacts
- Making a difference
- Broader horizons
- Improved health and vitality
- Application of classroom knowledge
- Civic literacy and skills
- LEARNING THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Many faculty are integrating community service into their courses. When they include academic preparation, community service, and structured reflection in their course, it becomes a service learning course. In some service learning (SL) courses, the community service will be required by the faculty member; in other SL courses, it will be optional.

Information on which service learning courses are being taught for each semester is listed by department in the Course Search System or Registrar’s Database.

Instructions: Please go to the Registrar’s Home Page: http://registrar.fsu.edu/ Select Course Search– this will take you to the Course Lookup Search Form. Follow the instructions provided on the screen to get to the course listings for the department in which you are interested. Service learning courses will have a notation of either “community service required” or “community service optional” in the comments field. Examples of the screens are provided on the back of this page.

For additional information: Please contact the Service Learning Program at the Center for Civic Education and Service, FSU at 644-3342 or http://www.fsu.edu/~service/
Service learning course information updated every semester by departments.

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