

SERVICE LEARNING

Service learning combines community service with academic coursework, allowing students to apply what they learn to real-world challenges while developing practical skills. Through guided projects, students examine social or community issues related to their course of study and reflect on how their service connects to academic concepts.

Research shows that service learning strengthens learning outcomes, increases student engagement and retention, supports civic responsibility, and enhances career readiness.

Faculty participate by integrating service projects directly into course objectives, helping students make meaningful connections between classroom learning, community needs, and future professional goals.

Mission

To improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and learning.

Program Goals

- Increase student engagement and enhance learning
- Foster civic and personal responsibility
- Strengthen community partnerships
- Support applied, experiential learning opportunities

Serve to Learn Student Outcomes

Academic Development

- Critical and creative thinking
- Connection of research and scholarship to real-world application
- Design and implementation of projects that meet community needs

Personal Growth

- Problem-solving and decision-making
- Public speaking and communication
- Independence, patience, and leadership

Civic Engagement

- Awareness of community needs
- Independent service to local nonprofit organizations
- Promotion of service learning in the community

Professional Skills

- Leadership, teamwork, and relationship-building
- Application of service skills in real settings
- Awareness of campus and community resources