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**The practice and the need it addresses**

**Service Learning is Applicable to courses across academic disciplines**

“Service Learning is a form of experiential education in which students engage in activities that address human and community needs together with structured opportunities for reflection designed to achieve desired learning outcomes.” (Jacoby, Service-Learning in Higher Education, 1996)

**Service-Centered:** courses designed to assist students in reflecting on and learning from the service in which they engaged.

**Content-Centered:** courses that have discipline and content objectives that can be more effectively reached by the inclusion of service.

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**UNLV Service Learning to date**

2015-2016 Assessment Highlights

- Citizenship & Ethics UULO Highlights
  - 93.3% of respondents report an ability to link their volunteer experience to their course assignment
  - 95.1% Enhanced their sense of civic engagement
  - 90.2% Enhanced awareness of privilege or obligation for other citizens in community
  - 87.8% Identify the needs of a group and work collaboratively with others towards positive change

Additional Outcomes Measures for 2017

- Global/Multicultural Knowledge and Awareness
- Interpersonal and Intrapersonal Competence
- Establishment of a collegiate identity and career development

2015-2016 Course Partners included:

- BUS 103, CEE 250, CEE 298, COE 102, COE 202, COLA 100 E, GSC 100, GSC 300, SOC 205, SW 315 and SPAN 317

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**Dedicated Staff to support you.**

Student Affairs Service Learning Team members are available for individual consultations to explore how we can assist you in incorporation a service learning element into your course. To schedule an appointment contact: Leanne Soter Coordinator for Service Learning & Scholarship

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**Existing Partnerships with Non-profit organizations including:**

- Boy’s and Girls’ Club
- CCSD National Speech & Debate Association
- Immigrant Justice Initiative
- Latino Youth Leadership Conference
- Las Vegas Rescue Mission
- National Coalition of 100 Black Women
- Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
- Opportunity Village
- Project 150
- Rebel Recycling
- The Animal Foundation
- Three Square Food Bank
- UNLV Buddies
- Salvation Army
- Senior Living Center
- Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada
- Catholic Charities
- And more…

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**How other UNLV teachers might adopt this practice**

Our team can provide:

- Reflective Learning Tools
- UULO linked assessment
- Community Impact and metric data tracking
- Online student liability waiver collection
- Service-Learning approaches
- Community Partner Knowledge
- Content Delivery and Class Presentations
- SL Team’s Service/Civic Learning matrix tool
- Opportunities to schedule future meetings and consultations
- Collection of online student liability waivers

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**Student Affairs Staff can support your service learning initiatives**

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