

SERVICE LEARNING AT DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

SERVING TO LEARN—LEARNING TO SERVE

EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT BECAUSE EVERYBODY CAN SERVE.

- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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Mission Statement

Dominican University Mission

As a Sinsinawa Dominican sponsored institution, Dominican University prepares students to pursue truth, to give compassionate service and to participate in the creation of a more just and humane world.

Service Learning Mission

To promote a vital service-learning program, which is responsive to and enhances the Mission of Dominican University: "to pursue truth, to give compassionate service, and to participate in the creation of a more just and humane world.



What is Service Learning

Service Learning is a method of teaching which combines community service with academic instruction as it focuses on critical, reflective thinking and civic responsibility.

Service learning involves students in organized community service that is directly linked to the curriculum and addresses local community needs. This learning experience provides multiple benefits to the students, including the enhancement of course-related academic skills, further development of critical thinking and social analysis skills, and opportunities for meaningful commitment to and civic engagement with the broader community.

Service learning can be a part of the course requirements, or can be self-initiated through an agreement between the professor, the student and the Service Learning Office.

Service Learning Committee: December 2003



Get Involved

Register for a 3-unit Service Learning Course:

These courses are designated in the Course Schedule:
"Includes off-campus service hours."

This option engages the entire class in service and reflection, fully integrating service into the learning and understanding of the course content.

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Some professors offer the option for individual students to add an additional 1-unit to their course by participating in 30 hours of community service related to their course.

Credit is earned on the basis of completion of the service and the student's ability to integrate the experience and the course material. Contact the Service Learning Center for more information.



Testimonials

Changing the world one person at a time

"This experience helped me define my purpose in life. I've grown as a person. The theories from my classes came alive before my very eyes with my clients. I learned I can make a difference in the world. Service learning is the best thing I did as a student at Dominican."

— **Sociology Major**
May 2002

"I really admire the women I helped and assisted. It takes courage to admit that you made a wrong turn in life. It even takes more courage to gather the strength you have and try to aim for that second chance. Working with people that have problems like the women I worked with is very hard. It takes dedication, patience, love, passion and strength to encourage and help gain the capabilities that were lost by drug abuse. I think that it is important to understand the technicalities of your job; but it is more important to learn how to deal with other people who help you do your job."

— **Senior**
Computer Science Major
2004

"...Being a big brother mentor to kids is a great experience. ... As a mentor you play the role of a leader (in a kid's life.)"

— **Sophomore**

Service learning taught me that "we are responsible for each other and in order to make this world a better place, we must give back to the community."

— **Sophomore**

"Because of the service, I strengthened my view of wanting to be a teacher."

— **Senior**

"I want to help make the world a better place now. Perhaps it took me out of my 'bubble.'"

— **Senior**

"I definitely understand more about diversity. This is a group of people I have not interacted with before and it was an eye-opening experience."

— **Sophomore**

Due to the service-learning project, I better understand the material presented in this course "because no book or lecture would have exposed me to these people."

— **Junior**

"Through this opportunity, I learned that there are people who are less fortunate and have not been exposed to computer technology. Up until my service learning, I always thought that . . . people have the same skill or even more than I have. I was wrong. I now realized that what I know about computers is much more than others, and more than enough to (be able to) teach others. I learned about myself. I have learned my strengths in teaching people..."

— **Senior**
Computer Science Major

From LAS Seminar 153:

"I feel that service learning gave me a chance to practice my theory and that my own soul and my own wellbeing are intertwined with the service I can give to others. I find it amazing that the time in my week when I felt the clearest was when I was driving back to school after having spent more than two hours tutoring the 5th graders at San Miguel." E.S.

"I was taught so much from the kids I helped that I felt like they helped me more than I helped them. I feel like they gave me so much insight in life that I owe them something." A.G.

"I was able to see that I could give to my community a certain thing that not all other would be able to do. I found with those children a part of me that I didn't know. They helped me discover the helpful and compassionate part of me." J.S.



Partners

AKAcademy

Tutoring students enrolled in an after-school program to improve reading/writing skills

Emerson Elementary School
311 Washington Blvd., Maywood, IL 60153

Anna Simeon
(Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.)

BBSA - <http://www.bbbsa.org/>
BBBS Metropolitan Chicago - <http://www.bbbschgo.org/>

Blessed Sacrament Youth Center

Varied: Tutoring, Mentoring, Teaching kids how to use the internet, Sports, Socializing.

3616 W. Cermack, Chicago, IL 60623 (easy drive or access from Lake St. EL)

Mary Quinn
(773) 521-5595 ext. 310
blessed_sacrament@yahoo.com

Casa Central – School Age Program

Multi-faceted social service programs for Latino children, teens or seniors. Varied volunteer opportunities.

1335 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60622

Cheryl Debusmann-Serra
(773) 782-8756
(773) 645-2465
cdebusmann-serra@casacentral.org

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Work at various Chicago Forest preserves with non-native plant removal; planting; science education program.

Jim Wagner
(773) 631-1790
jwagner@cookcountygov.com

Maywood Youth Mentoring Program, Inc.

Tutor/Mentoring children in after school program in Maywood

Maywood area school programs
515 St. Charles Rd.

Barbara Cole
(708) 344-3577
bdowecole@aol.com

<http://www.c-maywood.com/MYMP/ahmpg.htm>

Mercy Housing

Tutoring/Mentoring a child in the after school program or assisting adults in educational pursuits.

4943 W. Quincy, Chicago, IL

Rose Mabwa
(773) 626-5685
rmabwa@mercyhousing.org

Northlake Children's Learning Center

Tutoring (Must make a 24-hour commitment for the semester)

Leyden Township Community Center
2620 Mannheim Rd., Franklin Park, IL

Renee Baxter
(708) 409-8620
renee_baxter@hotmail.com

PADS Oak Park/River Forest Homeless Shelter Program

Provides meals and overnight accommodations for homeless families. Volunteers commit to one shift one day each month (ex: every 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Various churches in the Oak Park & River Forest area

Nolan Nelson
(708) 488-1724 ext. 228
WestSububanPADS@aol.com

PADS Berwyn St. Mary of Celle Shelter

Provide meals and overnight accommodations for homeless men, women and families.

1851 S. 9th Ave., Maywood, IL 60153

Sr. Maureen McGrath
(708) 343-6120
dommoe@aol.com

The Peace Corner

Drop in center for young people in the Austin community; Pre-GED & GED programs; Computer assistance.

5014 W. Madison, Chicago, IL 60644

Fr. Maurizio Binaghi
(773) 261-5330 (center)
(773) 368-4214
fr_maurice@yahoo.com

Port Ministries

Residential program - homeless adults and families. Non-residential program - educational outreach to newly arrived immigrant families; and free clinic evening - bread truck runs to feed the hungry.

5013 S. Hermitage, Chicago, IL 60609 (easily accessible from public transportation (Red line and CTA bus))

Ellen Kilmurry
(773) 778-5955
ellen@theportministries.org

Providence Family Services

After school tutoring program for grade school children.

3600 W. North Ave. (Maternity BVM Convent)

Sr. Dorothy Gartland
(773) 235-6202
Dorth10292@aol.com

River Forest Public Library Latch Key

Providing educational opportunities after school for "latch-key" kids program

735 Lathrop Ave.

Sarah Hampson
(708) 660-1673
(708) 366-5205
sarahhampson2001@yahoo.com

San Miguel Schools

Tutor, teacher aide, help with sports, Two campuses with different populations.

Comer Campus
819 N. Leamington, Chicago
Back of the Yards
1949 W. 48th, Chicago (transportation on your own)

Gordon Hannon
(708) 261-8851
ghannon@sanmiguelchicago.org

Josh Rundle
(708) 890-1481
jrundle@sanmiguelchicago.org

Sister House

Residential recovery program for women. Computer ILab assisting individual women; Other programs as needed.

851 N. Leamington, Chicago 60652

Rochelle Sims
(773) 626-0525

St. Eulalia's

Maywood parish social services programs. Serve in soup kitchen; help out with PADS; or work in re-sale shop.

1851 S. 9th Ave., Maywood, IL 60153

Sr. Maureen McGrath
(708) 343-6120
dommoe@aol.com

St. Joseph Services

Computer lab assistance for adults: Overseeing lab, help where needed, mentor as needed, encourage adults to improve competence.

2516 W. Cortez St., Chicago, IL 60622

Sr. Renee Rose
(773) 278-0484
renee8@ameritech.net
stjosephservices@sbcglobal.net

St. Joseph Services - Casa de Providencia

Computer lab assistance for adults: Overseeing lab, help where needed, mentor as needed, encourage adults to improve competence.

819 N. Leamington, Chicago

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(773) 278-0484
renee8@ameritech.net
stjosephservices@sbcglobal.net

St. Leonard's House

Tutor/Teacher aid in adult high school; visit with clients who are in transition from prison back to society.

2100 W. Warren Blvd, Chicago, IL 60612

Cathy McKillip, OP
(312) 738-1414 ext. 17
(312) 226-6270

Grace House - Women
(312) 733-5363

St. Martin's House of Hope

Assist with activities & care for the children at this Southside women's shelter.

6423 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL

Sr. Therese O'Sullivan, IBM
(773) 643-5843

St. Pius Parish Social Service Outreach Casa Juan Diego

Tutor/Mentor youth in one of the many Latino parish youth programs; Tutor in after-school program; Assist with one of the social service programs (food pantry, clothing store, etc.)

1819 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago
(other locations nearby)

Fr. Brandon Curran, OP
(312) 226-6161 ext. 33
brendancurran@yahoo.com

Youth Outreach Services

Various sites & opportunities (mentoring; teaching; tutoring; clerical support)

Austin Site
5910 W. Division
4419 W. North Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60164

Erica White
(708) 547-1091
ericaw@yos.org

Ellen Sausser
(773) 777-7611

Vital Bridges

Providing food services for people with AIDS; working with job training program

4121 W. Lake St, Chicago, IL 60607
350 W. Harrison, Oak Park, IL

Mary Carlson
(312) 948-2785
mcarlson@vitalbridges.org



2005 - 2006 Service Learning Courses

[Download a PDF copy](#) of the 2005-2006 Service Learning Courses

Fall 2005		
(ACCT 102) (GSB 612)	(Prin of Accounting)	(S. Harrington)
BAD 350	Finance	A. Drougas
CAS 250-01	Interpersonal Communication	R. Calabrese
CAS 320	Organizational Communication	R. Calabrese
CRIM 242*	Juvenile Delinquency (Cross listed SOC 242)	J. Monti
CPSC 299	Computer Science Majors	C. Grant
ENG 336-01*	Business Writing*	E. McManus*
GBIS 739 *	IT Management	J. Franch
LAS 153-01	Dimensions of the Self: Faith & Life Today	Sr. M. Waters
LAS 175-01	Dimensions of the Self: New Horizons	M. Thelen
LAS 261-01	Diversity, Culture & Community: Intolerance and Conflict	H. McElwain
LAS 261-02	Diversity, Culture & Community: Intolerance and Conflict	H. McElwain
LAS 264-01	Diversity, Culture & Community: Native American Spirituality	K. Heskin
LAS 267-01	Diversity, Culture & Community: Dancing in the Streets	J. Monti
LAS 369-01	Technology, Work & Leisure: On the same page	Mary Pat Fallon
SOC 242-01*	Juvenile Delinquency (Cross listed CRIM 242)	J. Monti
SOC 407-01	Classical Social Theory	B. Froehle
SPAN 210-01	Hispanic Identity and Language	M. Bravo
Spring 2006		
(ACCT 102) (GSB 612)	(Prin of Accounting)	(S. Harrington)
BAD 365-01	Applied Research Methods (Cross listed ECON 365)	A. Drougas
CAS 250-01	Interpersonal Communications	R. Calabrese
CAS 321-01	Global Business Communication	R. Calabrese
ECON 365-01	Applied Research Methods (Cross listed BAD 365)	A. Drougas
LAS 259-01	Diversity, Culture & Community: Making the Journey	Sr. M. Waters
LAS 270-01	Diversity, Culture & Community: It Takes a Village	J. E. Helwig
LAS 272-01	Diversity, Culture & Community: Imagining the Other	E. McManus
LAS 273-01	Diversity, Culture & Community: Many Voices	A. Colmo
LAS 56-01	Virtues and Values: So Proudly Dominican	Sr. J. Welsh
LAS 472-01	Virtues and Values: Beneath the Surface of Our Lives	M. Thelen
NUT 425-01	Nutrition & Human Development	J. Hill
PSYC 270-01	Social Psychology	T. Schultz
SOC 380-01	Social Inequality	J. Monti
SOC 382-01	Social Change	B. Froehle

* SL 299 Option



Resources

Student Documents

- [Student Manual](#)
- [Service Learning Contract](#)
- [Service Learning Time Record](#)
- [Student Evaluation](#)
- [Agency Evaluation](#)

Faculty Documents

- [Faculty Manual](#) - Coming Soon



Contact Us

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