



SERVICE LEARNING Spring 2018 COURSES

Service Learning is a kind of experiential education that connects classroom learning with community service. In collaboration with community organizations, students learn about and apply tools of the academic discipline and specific course concepts in their service experiences. This combination enhances academic learning and civic awareness while also providing a meaningful service to and with the community.

Course credit and grading are for the learning not for the service. The service activities for the course are similar to the readings, lectures, class discussions and other assignments—all are contexts for student learning.

Courses will appear with the following notation in the right-hand column of the schedule of classes:

SerL = all students in the course are required to participate in service learning

SerL Option = students have a choice to participate in service learning as a final project and/or in lieu of another comparable project.

ISL = the course includes a required or optional international travel, immersion, and/or service experience

Course #	Course Name	Faculty	Description
AC 344 [^]	Individual Taxation: Socioeconomic Applications	D'Agostin	Students prepare income tax returns for taxpayers eligible for free tax return preparation service through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program of the IRS. SerL
BI 319	Zoology Field Experience in Brazil	Byun	Students will be involved in various research projects in the rainforest in Brazil. SerL ISL
CO 242* (2 sections)	Alcohol, Addiction, and Culture	Wills	Students engaged service with local high school students, working together to strategize ways to talk about alcohol use and alcoholism and develop action plans that can help us all involved think, talk, and act with our own health and the health of our community in mind. SerL
CO 341/497*	End of Life Communication	Pagano	Students engage an applied approach to the study of end-of-life health communication, providing service to community members in hospice care who are terminally ill. SerL
EC 185+*	Regional Economic Development	LeClair	Students will examine regional economic development policies and outcomes in the greater Bridgeport area, with an emphasis on land use and its implications for sustainability, local food access and land preservation. SerL
ED 200 [^]	Explorations in Education: Teaching, Learning, and Schooling	Pacheco	Students explore the social construction of teaching and learning by serving with Cesar Batalla school in Bridgeport. SerL
ED 431	Extending Literacy in the Elementary School: Grades 3-6	Colwell	Students will explore literacy methods while engaging Language Arts classrooms in Cesar Batalla School in Bridgeport. SerL
ED 459	Developmental Reading in the Secondary School	Crandall	With an intentional design for readings, content, research, and experience, students will have more opportunities to learn from the young people they will one day teach. This course asks Fairfield students to learn from the young people at Bassick High School as experts of their own literacy practices. SerL

*Core Course

[^] US Diversity Course

+ Sophomore Residential College Course

~ World Diversity Course

EG 260+	Robots	Munden	Students will participate in weekly mentoring of a youth robotics competition team to put into practice the principles learned in class, and to learn through community interaction from other students using robots to accomplish different feats. <i>SerL</i>
EN 12*	Texts and Contexts II	Bodach	Students will anchor their own learning by teaching others, working with a youth-serving organization, Urban Impact, to collaborate on story-telling and writing. <i>SerL</i>
EN/W 290	Writing and Responding	Boquet	Students will work with teachers and students at Central High School to set up, train, and staff their new high school Writing Center. Students will learn about literacy sponsorship, the function of writing centers, and will develop skills responding to writers in a variety of local contexts. The only prerequisite is EN 11. It can be taken alongside EN 12. It does not count as the 3rd English core but it will count towards an English major or minor. <i>SerL</i>
EN/W 339^	Grant and Proposal Writing	Sobocinski	Students will write grants for several local non-profits to support the growth and development of the organization's programs in line with its mission. <i>SerL</i>
HS 200*	Health Communication for Healthcare Professionals	Pagano	Students will volunteer at the Veteran's Administration Hospital or Bridgeport Hospital working with patients and staff in healthcare delivery. <i>SerL</i>
NS 112	Healthcare Delivery Systems	Planas	Students work with local elementary schools, hospitals, or the Hope Dispensary low-cost pharmacy to create and implement health education initiatives. <i>SerL Option</i>
NS 330~	Community, Public, and Global Health Nursing	Mager	Students will work with their community partners to establish sustainable, evidence-based interventions to address the identified health concern in a geographic area or population. Students will have the option to travel to Nicaragua over spring break to engage in a public health service-learning experience. <i>SerL ISL</i>
PO 11*	Political Institutions, Policy and Efficacy: Introduction to American Politics	Alphonso	Students will participate in a community action project intended to give hands-on experiences in community issues and politics, serving groups with low political efficacy. <i>SerL</i>
PO 141*~	African Politics	Boryczka	Students work with the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants to mentor refugee youth providing homework help or English language support. <i>SerL</i>
PY 212^	Developmental Psychology for Majors with lab	Primavera	Students work with the Adrienne Kirby Family Literacy Project, doing literacy work and mentoring. <i>SerL</i>
RS 235*^ (2 sections)	Liberation Theology	Lakeland Molloy	Students complete service learning projects -- focused on issues such as economic development, hunger, homelessness -- with community partners. <i>SerL</i>

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