



Service-Learning at Ohio State

The Office of Service-Learning leads efforts to integrate academic content with community-based experience while contributing to local and global communities by addressing the concerns, needs, and hopes of community residents.

"I think service-learning is really important, and really fun, and I encourage everyone to get involved. It gives you perspective on what you do...when you do service and give back to the community, it's a bigger picture."

Caitlin Quillen
EDU P&L 2571: Service Practicum

"It's really been a wonderful experience for all the students. I've been able to take my skills to the next level...I feel like I can go out into the real world now and practice dentistry."

Brittane Britton
College of Dentistry, The OHIO Project

"Service-learning has been an incredible experience for me. I've become more involved in the Ohio State University...personally, I think the thing that I've enjoyed the most is the feeling that I am giving back to the community. Ohio State has given so much to me. This is how I give back."

Claire Dolan
Honors and Scholars, The Girls Circle Project

"Service-learning is so much more engaging than a traditional professor-student classroom...we actually have outcomes, we have physical products, and we form relationships with people we might not have met. I think the really big thing to take away from service-learning is that it changed the way I look at what I do, and how I want to act as a teacher and a practitioner."

Kelly DeVore
Design 5600S: Design Matters

See stories about Service Learning

service-learning.osu.edu/service-learning-digital-stories.html

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Service-learning for students



tutoring students • professional writing for local non-profits • providing health services to underserved communities • creating community resource maps • mentoring at-risk young women • designing



community arts spaces • creating and performing educational community theater pieces • improving services for orphanages in Honduras • recording local history in local neighborhoods • doing conservation



projects for a local watershed • providing physical and occupational therapy to community members • teaching computer skills to Spanish-speaking community members • providing veterinary care to homeless pets



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How can The Office of Service-Learning help you?

Acquire disciplinary knowledge. Service-learning gives you the opportunity to learn about the subject you are studying by applying your knowledge to a “real world” setting.

Develop a community commitment. When community service is connected to learning, you prepare for future civic involvement.

Develop critical thinking skills. Service-learning encourages you to examine your ideas and find solutions to real problems.

Expand your worldview. Service-learning gives you opportunities to experience a different environment and new ideas.

Build career skills. A service-learning course in your chosen field can confirm that you’re making the right career choice, and help you make contacts and develop skills specific to your field.

Know you’re making a difference. Service-learning is an opportunity to contribute to the community—locally or around the world.

What is Service-Learning?

Service-learning brings classroom knowledge to life by connecting course content with service projects that solve real problems and expand your view of the world across the street and around the globe.



How Do I Find a Service-Learning Course?

Check the course list at service-learning.osu.edu for upcoming courses.

Look for the S-Designation (ex: GEOG 5200S) when registering for courses.

Ask your advisor and instructors about service-learning opportunities for your major.

Contact us at slearning@osu.edu!

How Does Service-Learning Work?

1. Pick a Service-Learning Course

Find a service-learning course that interests you. You can pick one in your field, or take one just for the service experience. Be sure to check with an advisor to see how it will apply to your degree!

2. Do the academic work

All service-learning courses will have an academic component. The amount of time spent in the classroom versus time spent serving varies by course, but you can count on having ample time to do your coursework.

3. Serve in your community

Take the knowledge you’ve gained in class and put it into practice! Work in partnership with a local non-profit to sharpen your skills and further their mission.

4. Reflect on your experience

Work with your instructor and class-mates to put your service experience into perspective. What did you learn? What did you accomplish? How did it impact your community?

