

# Service-learning Course Examples and Syllabi

## **General Service-Learning Syllabi:**

<http://compact.org/resource-type/syllabi/>

Independent Study: <http://service.wvu.edu/r/download/190553>

## **Example Courses Syllabi by Discipline:**

### **ARTS**

Course examples:

- Students apply their knowledge of document photography as a tool for exploring public education in low income areas
- Documentary film course focusing on the production of advocacy videos for social change
- Students apply learned design and sketch techniques to create a wall mural for a local community
- Music students perfect their craft through academics and provide lessons and free recitals to low income school aged children

For more course ideas visit:

<http://servicelearning.duke.edu/courses>

<http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/servicelearning/combofall10/comboart.htm>

For example art syllabi visit:

<http://compact.org/resource-posts/development-of-literacy-in-the-visual-arts/>

<http://compact.org/resource-posts/the-pianist-and-the-community-career-development-and-volunteerism/>

### **BUSINESS**

Course Examples:

- Business students will work to improve communication with a local company and its clients by conducting a work-flow analyses, collecting data on the production of the company and using business process reengineering techniques referred to in class.
- Business students will design an employee handbook and develop an HR framework tailored to meet the specific needs of a small local boutique
- Students will conduct a personal money management class for the residents of a local homeless shelter

For more course ideas visit:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~rpsol/service-learning/>

[http://www.sonoma.edu/cce/faculty/sl\\_businessadministration.html](http://www.sonoma.edu/cce/faculty/sl_businessadministration.html)

For example business syllabi visit:

<http://compact.org/resource-posts/business-writing/>

## **EDUCATION**

Course Examples:

- Students will work in teams to create literacy kits for local childcare centers
- Students will tutor local grade school and high school students
- Students will teach classes in an after school program at the local school or nursing home

For more course ideas visit:

[http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/servicelearning/combofall15/course\\_details.htm?course=ED](http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/servicelearning/combofall15/course_details.htm?course=ED)

[U](#)

[http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/servicelearning/combofall15/course\\_details.htm?course=ED](http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/servicelearning/combofall15/course_details.htm?course=ED)

[U](#)

For example education syllabi visit:

<http://compact.org/resource-posts/contemporary-issues-in-youth-development-and-youth-policy-international-and-spanish-context-a-praxis-experience-in-theory-research-policy-and-practice/>

## **HEALTH**

Course Examples:

- Dietician students plan and develop an interactive booth on nutrition and physical activity for a large community event held at the local park
- Health students learning about mental assessments of older adults will work at a local nonprofit agency which aids adults with mental health issues

For more course ideas visit:

<http://www.bakeru.edu/nursing/propective-students/service-learning-activities>

For example health syllabi visit:

<http://compact.org/resource-posts/the-diverse-faces-of-aids-prevention-education-treatment/>

## **HUMANITIES**

Course Examples:

- Art history students serve as a docent at a local art museum

- History students interview members of the community who participated in the civil rights movement and create a cohesive document of their experiences which will then be presented to children at the local grade school as they learn about the civil rights movement
- English students undergo extensive training and use their applied knowledge to help tutor ESL students in English
- Dance majors conduct free classes at the local grade school

For more course ideas visit:

<http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/Assets/ServiceLearning/ServiceLearningIdeasbyDiscipline.pdf>

For example humanities syllabi visit:

<http://compact.org/resource-posts/language-literacy-and-the-community/>

## **LAW**

Course Examples:

- Students are introduced to the key theory of practicing human rights. They will utilize this knowledge to put together an immigration court-ready document for a detainee or asylum seeking being presented by a local law firm
- Students learn about the necessary skills for a career in natural resource management and apply their knowledge to develop a “Conservation and Legal Guidebook” to be published next year

For example law syllabi visit:

<http://compact.org/resource-posts/land-and-water-law/>

## **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Course Examples:

- Students learn about the psychological changes girls undergo as they transition from childhood to adolescence. Students will apply this knowledge while serving as mentors to local middle school girls.
- Political science students help with local voter registration for mid-term elections.
- Sociology students learning about poverty will volunteer at a local soup kitchen 4 hours each week
- Students in a women’s studies course will volunteer at the local women’s shelter

For more course ideas visit:

<http://servicelearning.duke.edu/courses>

<http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/servicelearning/combofall10/comboart.htm>

## **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)**

Course Examples:

- Engineering students help to design safe playgrounds for community parks
- Math students at Ferris State University used their applied knowledge to gather numerical data from a local health center to determine the most frequently used services along with their cost and benefits. The report will be presented to the health center to be used while creating the budget for the upcoming year.
- Students in the technology course at Siena College created computer animations for a non-profit organization to be used on their website
- Chemistry students will join with community partners in helping to identify neighborhood homes that have an unsafe level of lead contaminants within them.

For more course ideas visit:

[http://www.sonoma.edu/cce/faculty/sl\\_computerscience.html](http://www.sonoma.edu/cce/faculty/sl_computerscience.html)

[http://servicelearning.duke.edu/uploads/media\\_items/modelsyllabus1-biologyinengineering.original.pdf](http://servicelearning.duke.edu/uploads/media_items/modelsyllabus1-biologyinengineering.original.pdf)

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2013/october/math.htm>

Example STEM Syllabi:

[http://servicelearning.duke.edu/uploads/media\\_items/modelsyllabus1-biologyinengineering.original.pdf](http://servicelearning.duke.edu/uploads/media_items/modelsyllabus1-biologyinengineering.original.pdf)

<http://compact.org/resource-posts/chemistry-in-service-of-the-community/>