Service Learning

Mission: Following in the Jesuit tradition of faithful service, the Service Learning Program facilitates student academic learning through meaningful service experiences which encourage and enable Marquette’s faculty and students to positively impact the community.

- Service learning is an academic experience vs. a volunteer experience
- Service as Pedagogy, Service as your text book
Why Do Service Learning?

• **Hands-on experience** that you cannot get from a classroom setting alone.

• Gain a better understanding of **social justice**, **inequality**, and **different cultures**.

• Grow and develop **professional skills** that can help you in your future **vocation**.

• It is a **mutually beneficial relationship** between Marquette and the community.
Personal Experience

Taken from Service Learning student end-of-semester evaluations:

“I learned that going out of my comfort zone creates new learning experiences.”

“Service Learning is great because it makes opportunities for students to go outside of the “Marquette bubble” more available. Students realizing and working with social justice issues is one of the best learning experiences we could ever have.”

“The experience definitely made me reconsider the stereotypes I had formed in the past.”

“I learned how to apply the material I learned in class, practically, not just theoretically.”
Selecting a Placement

- The SL Program has identified placements that will help you meet the learning objectives for your specific course.

- Go to www.marquette.edu/servicelearning

- Click on Service Learner, then Courses and Placements, and then your Professor’s Name

- Read through your options paying close attention to the available times for service, what your role will be at the site, and how you will travel to your site.
What is expected of you...

- The majority of the sites and faculty expect students to complete between **18-20 hours** of service throughout the semester, (about 2-3 hours per week).

- You must complete the **entire semester** through the last week of classes (week of December 1), even if you meet your hours requirement early.

- Keep your **course learning objectives** in mind to make the most of your experience. If you are having a hard time making connections ASK your professor or site contact.

- Be **consistent in your attendance** & think of your service as a job. Understand that the clients and staff at your agency are counting on you. If you have a true emergency or are ill, be sure to call your site contact. You should not miss service “because you have to study.” **Plan ahead.**

- Follow the **rules and expectations of the sites**. This includes dressing appropriately, completing necessary trainings and or background checks, etc.
Important People

Professor

Student Coordinator

Site Contact
Transportation and Safety

- Site directions are provided on the QuickGuide that you will receive on Sign-up Night.
- L.I.M.O. will not take you anywhere outside their usual route.
- More resources for directions to your site:
  - [www.ridemcts.com](http://www.ridemcts.com)
  - [http://maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com)
- Students are required to sign up with a buddy if serving after 5:00 pm if they are taking the bus or walking. Your Student Coordinator can also help to arrange carpools.
- Whenever you travel in an unfamiliar part of the city, be aware of your surroundings and know how to get back. Watch the Service Learning Safety Video prior to your site orientation at: [http://www.marquette.edu/servicelearning/safety.shtml](http://www.marquette.edu/servicelearning/safety.shtml)
- Safety resources:
  - DPS Non-Emergency 414-288-6800
  - DPS Emergency 414-288-1911
Sign-Up Night Registration

Submit information online August 30 starting at 7:00pm.

http://www.marquette.edu/servicelearning

After registration, print your ticket and bring it and your MUID to Sign-up Night at your designated time.
SERVICE LEARNING ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Please register below if service learning is required for your course. There are two steps in this process:

1. Please complete this form; all fields with a red asterisk are required.
2. When you hit the Submit button at the bottom of the form, you will automatically be redirected to another form, where you will select a time to attend Service Learning Sign-up Night. After completing this second form, a PDF ticket with your assigned time will be emailed to you. PLEASE BRING THIS TICKET WITH YOU TO SIGN-UP NIGHT. YOU WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED IN DURING OR AFTER THE TIME PRINTED ON YOUR TICKET.

Please Note: Filling out this form is not sign-up for service learning. You MUST attend Sign-up Night on September 4th to select an agency.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Service Learning Program office at 414-288-2362.

Student Information

- MUID:
- Last name:
- First name:
- Email: @marquette.edu
- Phone number: 414.123.4567
- First Major:
- Second Major (if applicable):
Marquette Service Learning Sign-up Night
Marquette University Service Learning Program
Wednesday, September 4, 2013 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM (CDT)
Milwaukee, WI

Registration Information

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OK, I registered!  
How do I sign-up?

Sign-Up Night is Wednesday, September 4 from 5:30pm-8:30pm  
AMU Ballrooms

Bring your **eventbrite ticket and MUID**, class and work schedule, and driver’s license.

Review the placements for your course on the website prior to Sign-Up Night. Take advantage of this opportunity to be completely prepared and identify your **5-6 preferred sites** before you arrive.
This contract needs to be filled out as completely as possible, and signed by your professor, your site contact, and yourself.

Keep an accurate record of your hours, and remember to get it signed by your site contact and yourself at the end of your service.

If you lose any of this paperwork, you can download and print extra forms off our website, www.marquette.edu/servicelearning.
Reflections

• As part of Ignatian pedagogy, reflection both allows students to discuss their experiences and challenges them to “dig deeper” and recognize social injustices.

• Reflection sessions are planned and facilitated by Service Learning student staff.

• This semester’s sessions:

  Expose: Where are you coming from?
  Analyze: What is the framework of our society?
  Act: Does your faith call you to serve?
  Discern: Where will your path take you?
  Perceive: Where do you find beauty?
  Identify: How does the way you define yourself impact your worldview?
Important Dates

Registration

Sign-up Night

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Questions?

See You at Sign-Up Night!