“Great educational institutions (UCSC?) must strongly affirm, through both their classes and programs, that service is a central tenant of the educational experience”

This course is designed to create and enhance Service-Learning opportunities for its participants. At the same time the goal is to educate participants about service opportunities with vital social services throughout our community. It has been regularly proven that these types of experiences are reciprocally beneficial for both students and the greater local community. Students in this class have the opportunity to bridge social service theory with reality, through discipline and selfless service. The central themes of this class are service-learning, exploring vital homeless issues and possible grass roots relief and an intro to the National Service movement. This is an intensive, fast-paced class. I expect students to excel; average effort is not appreciated.

Kresge 12A Summer Session Course Requirements for top grade- 3 units

Complete 8 hours service a week*; 4 hours in the community, 4 hours in the class.

Attend 9 of 10 classes. Read all the class materials and class text and be prepared to discuss and respond to the classroom discussions. Be an active citizen of the class.

Chose a service site by the beginning of the second week and be prepared to discuss your site during the 3rd class. Default/ drop-in service sites this quarter are the Homeless Services Center, St. Francis Soup Kitchen’s daily lunch, the Homeless Garden Project and the Free Monday Meal at Mt. Calvary Church, across from the downtown Farmers Market. If you have problems engaging a another chosen site for service, these are ‘drop-in’ sites that can immediately accommodate you. You are free to chose a site other then those listed on the site list, but time is short in this class so you must get started quickly.

Attend the mandatory all-class week-end service event. The mandatory all-class service event is at the Homeless Service Center on Saturday, July 11th, from 9AM until 1PM. The HSC volunteer coordinator will speak to us next class (6/25) about the event and HSC volunteering opportunities.

Complete 3 written papers, with total written amount of 16-20 pages, doubles spaced.

Your service total requirement for this class is 44. hours. That includes 20 hours minimum at your primary service site (5 weeks at 4 hours per week), 20 hours in the classroom (10 classes at 2 hours per class) and 4 hours working together as a class unit/family. If you miss a class you need to replace the class time missed with service time. To receive a top grade you must attend 9-10 classes, the mandatory all-class event and turn in the written work on time. This class requires sacrifice and discipline; much is gained when much is given. except excuses. This is one of the top service class at UCSC.
Now you can see why; it’s very rigorous. Your selfless service many times is a lifeline for the agencies you serve.

Flexible Weekly Plan for Kresge 12A, Service-Learning Fall ’13

Class 1- 10.1.13- Introduction 12A. Distribute class materials, including class text ‘The Quality of Mercy’ by Dr. Paul Lee and class reader. Discuss “What is Service-Learning?”. Preparation for site searches and 2 page double spaced paper due 10.8.13

Class 2- 10.8.13- Presentation by service community site representatives (1/2 class). Discussion of Quality’ and related class issues and themes. Break into small groups for discussion of related reader articles. 1st 2 double spaced page paper due this class.

Class 3- 10.15.26- All-class service site check in. Discussion 1st half of Quality and intro to Non-Profits. First paper returned. Prep for 1st all-class service event, Make-A-Difference Day 10.26, from 10-2. Prep for Student Volunteer Center’s Community Service Fair on 10.23.13, in Bookstore Plaza, from 11-4.

Class 4- 10-22-13- More community service and site check in. Prep for SVC Fair 10.23 and further discussion on Non-Profit principles. Prep for Mid-term that’s due 10.29.13 and all-class event 10.26 If time discussion of assigned reader articles/ subjects Prep for Jail visit on 10.29. Jail visit to mandatory for top grade in this course

Class 5- 10.29.13- Mid-terms due before jail visit. If your papers are late you stay in jail. We leave Kresge by 6:10 for County Jail visit. Visit will end at 8:45.

Class 6- 11. 5.13 -Mid-term returned. Discussion on all-class service event, jail visit and Intro to COPA and National service. Small group discussion on related reader articles. Prep for presentation on the Santa Cruz Sanctuary Camp by Bret and Stacy Discussion of 2nd all-class service event at Kresge and Porter on December 6th and December 7th.

Class 7- 11.12.13- Presentation of the Homeless Sanctuary Project. (1/2 class) All-class site check in during second half of class and discussion of the presentation.

Class 8- 11.19.13 Class site check-in. Discussion on National Service and prep for Hannah ’s presentation on AmeriCorp on 11. 26.13. Discussion on all-class benefit concerts set for 12.6-7. Prep for final paper due the last class, 12.10.13

Class 9- 11.26.13- Presentation on AmeriCorp and National Service. Class site check in and discussion on related reader articles. Prep for final paper

Class 10- 12. 3.13- Review of National Service/ COPA and Non-Profits. Discussions on class themes and prep for all-class benefit 12.6-7 at Kresge /Porter. Prep for final paper. If time short site check ins or small group discussions
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