Course Description / Purpose

Great colleges (UCSC?) must strongly show that they are committed to community service-learning as much as conventional classroom based education. Service creates real citizens.

While this course is broadly structured to enhance students' opportunities through service-learning to try to help creative positive personal and collective growth, it will focus strongly on intermediate grant writing and fund raising principles. Specifically you need to know the basic principles of creating a successful proposal to succeed in this class. You should also have a grant writing 'foundation'. There will be regular papers due and you will write 'drafts' to practice.

Students in this class will have the chance to bridge social service with actual theory to create positive social change. But we must find a way to fund this revolution. One of the main reasons I have this class is to offer students a real chance to foster a real concern for social problems and hopefully it will define their personal service responsibility. This course will also briefly discuss the importance of National Service and will investigate the homeless crisis and its impact locally and nationally. This is a fast paced, academically rigorous course. This is 'Activism 101'. You will excel with selfless effort.

My Methods to achieve course goals

Coordinate and provide support services for students services sites/ grant project locations.

Educate and encourage discussion on the merits of selfless service and related class themes.

Be a resource students can use to help them hone their grant writing and fundraising skills.

Kresge 12C Course requirements for top grade- 3 units

Complete 10 hours service a week. 4 hours site work, 1.hr grant/fundraising work, 5 hour class attendance. You must also attend 9 of 10 classes for a top grade/ Total hours 54 hours.

Attend the required all-class service event on Saturday, August 26th, at St Francis Soup
Kitchen. This a required team building event. Snacks will be offered, feet will be sodden. Good vibes for all.

The readings for this class will come form “Fund Raising for Social Change”, by Kim Kline, ”Getting Funded; The complete guide to writing grant proposals” by Susan Howlet and Renee Bourque, Storytelling for Grant Writers, Dispatches from the War Zone by Mike Rhodes and The Quality of Mercy by Dr. Paul Lee. You must make up missed class time with community service and you are required to keep a running log of all service related time invested in this course. This is no 'cupcake/easy 'A' class. You have to be disciplined, observant and committed.

Your efforts will be shown in your production and the development of this vital skillset. This class can be transformational. If you can't hang, and excel, this ain't for you. But this does seem to be a class that will 'pop' on your resume, so let's get ready to rock and do that selfless service thang. Here's your chance to make a change. What are you gonna do about it? - R U Ready? franklin x UCSC alum