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# Service Learning

for community  
social change

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## WHAT IS SERVICE LEARNING?

Service Learning connects students and faculty to the community. It's used extensively at four year-colleges from Stanford to the entire CSU and UC systems. In Service Learning classes, students

- work under supervision at a partner agency in the community for 10-40 hours a semester (most Gavilan classes require 20-30 hours, and these hours replace other homework)
- reflectively relate the experience to class content.
- extend the reach, freshen the vision, and aid the work human service agencies do in the community.

### Why is Service Learning popular? Students say it...

- makes their classes real.
- gives them an opportunity to contribute in meaningful ways.
- teaches valuable job and life skills.
- can lead to employment offers or better chances to get into the four-year college or career of their choice.

### What should I expect in a Service Learning class?

- Your teacher will explain how Service Learning relates to the course goals and orient you to approaches and expectations.
- You will likely have a list of cooperating agencies and you will contact an agency representative to set up an interview.
- The agency will determine your interests and/or your suitability for employment, work out scheduling, and orient you.
- A supervisor will keep track of your hours and guide your work.
- Class assignments will involve and deepen what you are learning at your agency.
- Research shows that your grade, your understanding of course material, and your development as a citizen, voter, and person will all benefit.

### Can I take two Service Learning classes at once?

- Students have done this. The key is whether you will be able to use the same service hours at a single agency with two different sets of assignments from two different teachers—a question you can only work out with those teachers, so contact them ahead of time or early in the semester to figure it out.

### Why should I take a Service Learning class?

- "I have transformed as an individual and have found my place in the world." – Jeshe W.
- "It definitely brings purpose, excitement and joy to your college experience/adventure." – Chuck H.
- "...it feels good giving out food to people who are in need." – Andre M.