

# Service Learning

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## The Service Learning Initiative

The Service Learning Initiative is a joint initiative between the University of Arkansas Provost Office, the Honors College, and the Division of Student Affairs. Service learning builds critical thinking skills while engaging in academic courses that promote experiential, community-based activities.

Formalized service learning courses must meet the committee-approved service learning definition and criteria, and be approved for designation by the Service Learning Committee.

## Service Learning Definition

Service learning is a credit-bearing, faculty-directed, teaching-learning experience that is course specific. Service Learning strengthens academic content knowledge and sense of civic responsibility. Students build critical thinking skills as they engage in experiential, community-based activities that are aligned with and integral to academic course work. At the same time, the community (real people in real situations) benefits from assistance that would otherwise not be available.

## Courses Page

Students can visit the Service Learning program course page (<https://servicelearning.uark.edu/courses/>) to find courses that have been designated with service-learning components. Faculty can find criteria (<http://servicelearning.uark.edu/>) to develop courses that will be considered for designation as service learning courses.

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