SERVICE LEARNING COURSES

The Community and Civic Engagement Committee in conjunction with the Center for Teaching and Learning works to ensure that students have access to courses that are rooted in best-educational practices and that enhance the university experience by offering courses and experiences that are uniquely designed to expose students to Community and Civic Engagement and Service Learning opportunities.

Course offerings designated SL in the catalog indicate classes or sections of classes that integrate meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities. The SL designation helps faculty advisers and students identify Community and Civic Engagement/Service Learning courses to plan and prepare for registration. Quinnipiac University is a member of Connecticut Campus Compact. Campus Compact is a national coalition of college and university presidents dedicated to promoting community service, civic engagement and service-learning in higher education.

Service learning is not volunteerism; nor is it an internship. Service learning is a curriculum-based initiative bringing together faculty, students and community organizations. Service Learning courses incorporate the following basic principles:

- Engagement is fostered through service projects with a community partner.
- Reflection on the experience of working on the community project is both an academic and personal process.
- Reciprocity is promoted by addressing real community needs.
- Dissemination means that previous courses serve as models of best practices for new courses.

The purpose is to assist community organizations by providing situation-specific student resources in activities consistent with the goals of a specific course. Through Service Learning, community organizations are more able to meet their objectives, faculty are more able to demonstrate key course concepts, and students are more able to relate course theory with actual situations and practices.

Community and Civic Engagement Student Learning Outcomes

- Competency in professional dispositions as a result of service learning or community engagement.

Community and Civic Engagement Badge

Students who are interested and meet the requirements are eligible to receive a badge from the Committee for Community and Civic Engagement that reflects the commitment they have made to be engaged community and world citizens through opportunities in designated courses and co-curricular community and civic engagement activities. Detailed information and application information can be found on the Community and Civic Engagement Badge page on MyQ. (https://myq.quinnipiac.edu/StudentLife/OOCS/Forms/Community%20and%20Civic%20Engagement%20Badge.pdf)