

What is Service Learning?

Service Learning is a way of teaching and learning that incorporates community engagement into academic coursework. Service learning uses community-based student experience to support the learning goals of a course. Service learning should respond to real community needs while deepening students' understanding of academic material.

Thus, students not only learn to serve but also serve to learn. Service learning is a deliberate, adaptable, interdisciplinary pedagogy. It is based on *intellectual rigor, civic involvement, and lifelong learning.*

The University of Iowa offers many service-learning courses, including 49 new courses that were developed in the two years following the weeklong Service Learning Institutes held May 2006 and 2007. A list of UI service-learning courses will soon be available on our web site.

This web site provides resources for faculty, community organizations, administrators, and alumni who are interested in service learning. For more information, please contact the Center for Teaching, 4039 Main Library, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242, 319-335-6048.

To arrange for a consultation about linking to community partners, contact the Civic Engagement Program, <http://www.uiowa.edu/~cep> or 335-7589.