



# THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE-LEARNING

## WHAT IS SERVICE-LEARNING?

There are lots of different ways to say it, but here at Cal Poly it is defined as a teaching method that “provides students with structured opportunities to learn, develop, and reflect through active participation and thoughtfully-organized community involvement.” To put it even simpler, **service-learning is a way of using Cal Poly’s “learn-by-doing” philosophy to make a difference in the world around us.**

## FINDING SERVICE-LEARNING COURSES:

When you register for a class in BroncoDirect, service-learning courses are marked with an “S” -- for example, if you see LS 421 and LS 421 S, all sections listed under LS 421 S are service-learning courses. **Both LS 421 and LS 421 S count for the exact same requirement, but use different teaching methods.** The S course also provides an indication on your transcript that you served your community through service-learning.

**Hint:** When searching for courses in BroncoDirect, **select “contains” in the Course Number pull-down menu** rather than the default “is exactly.”

(You can also find service-learning courses searchable by department, quarter, and g.e. or non-g.e credit on our website by clicking on “courses” then “course listing.”)

## MORE THAN JUST CLASSES: PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

### **VolunteerBASE (Broncos Advancing Service Excellence)**

Visit our VolunteerBASE volunteer center in building 1, room 113C. We’re open every weekday during the academic year between 10 am and 2 pm to provide resources for those seeking community involvement activities. We also sponsor the annual Volunteer Fair which brings dozens of community organizations to campus just in time for finding summer placements. You can reach VBASE at 909-869-5361.

### **JusticeCorps and Americorps**

Looking for a more sustained and in-depth service experience? Often called the “domestic PeaceCorps,” Americorps offers the opportunity to give back to your community. Americorps members at Cal Poly Pomona provide a diverse range of services through leadership positions in the community. JusticeCorps members serve part-time in self-help legal access centers. Americorps Promise Fellows serve full-time recruiting volunteers and creating programs for local youth. The JusticeCorps recruiter can be contacted at 909-869-2106 and information about the Americorps Promise Fellow Program can be found on our website or by calling 909-869-4284.

### **Student Civic Engagement Awards and Contests**

Are you a civically-engaged student or do you belong to a student organization that actively strives to make a difference in the world? Tell us about it and you may be honored at our annual Campus-Community Mixer or win an award through our annual essay contest. Applications for Civic Engagement Awards are available on our website during Winter Quarter. Entry forms for the essay contest are available on our website during Spring Quarter.

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## INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS?

Visit our website at [www.csupomona.edu/servicelearning](http://www.csupomona.edu/servicelearning), call us at 909-869-4269, or just stop by our office in rm. 113, bldg 1.