

Six Models of Service Learning Placement and Field Activity

“Pure” SL	Discipline-Based SL	Problem-Based SL	Capstone Courses	Service Internships	Undergraduate Community-Based Action Research
<p>Students are sent out into the community.</p> <p>Content of the course is service learning, volunteerism, or civic engagement.</p> <p>Multidisciplinary approach with philosophical and intellectual approach to phenomenon.</p>	<p>Students have a presence in the community throughout the semester.</p> <p>Reflect on their experiences on a regular basis using course content as basis for analysis and understanding.</p> <p>Course content and community experience are very explicit and sometimes challenge the logistics of placement.</p>	<p>Students relate to community partner as client.</p> <p>Work with partner to understand problem or need. Students create own schedule and limit their field hours to identifying problem and gathering data.</p> <p>Presumes student is knowledgeable enough to make recommendations to the community partner.</p>	<p>Designed for majors and minors in a discipline during their final year with much of the responsibility on the student.</p> <p>Students combine relevant knowledge in their content area and service to the community as they transition from theory to practice in the world of work and career.</p> <p>Students graduate and are not easily replaced.</p>	<p>Intense, with students working from 10-20 hours per week in a community setting, with a final project that is of benefit to the specific community site.</p> <p>Unlike traditional internships, they have regular and ongoing reflective opportunities that help students analyze their new experiences using discipline-based theories.</p> <p>There is a focus on reciprocity, the idea that the community and the student benefit equally from the experience.</p>	<p>Similar to an independent study option for the rare student who is highly experienced in community work.</p> <p>Students work closely with faculty members to learn research methodology while serving as advocates for communities.</p>