

# THE SHRIVER CENTER AT UMBC

## PRACTICUM 096: COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEARNING Spring 2015 SYLLABUS

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

As part of your enrollment in a Shriver Center service-learning placement, **you will be enrolled in PRAC 096**, a zero-credit, Pass/Fail course. This provides a record of your participation in a University sanctioned service-learning opportunity. Students who meet all of the requirements listed below will earn a Pass (P) grade in the Practicum, including a notation on their transcripts. **Students who fail to meet the requirements of the Practicum by the posted deadlines will earn a Fail (F) grade. Incomplete (I) grades** will not be granted unless specifically requested by the student prior to the last day of classes (Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>) and are assigned at the discretion of the student's designated Service-Learning Coordinator. Please talk to a Program Coordinator if you have any questions.

### APPLIED LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE

"Service-Learning is a form of experiential education in which students engage in activities that address human and community needs together with structured opportunities for reflection designed to achieve desired learning outcomes." (Dr. Barbara Jacoby, *Service-Learning in Higher Education*, 1996) Accordingly, key principles of Service-Learning are reflection and reciprocity.

### The Student Learning Outcomes for Practicum 096: Community Service & Learning are:

- Increase awareness of community assets and needs
- Enhance sense of civic responsibility
- Strengthen critical thinking/problem-solving skills through critical reflection
- Increase self-confidence and competence
- Promote leadership development
- Explore skills needed to advocate for themselves and others

### 096 PRACTICUM INFORMATION

Task	Due date
Participate in <b>3-5 hours of community service per week</b> , for a minimum of <b>30 hours per semester</b> (unless otherwise indicated). Students are expected to attend their site weekly and consistently.	Tuesday, May 12th
Complete <b>Service Learning Expectations and Learning Objectives Form</b> with your Service-Learning Coordinator or service site supervisor. Access form here: <a href="http://shrivercenter.umbc.edu/096-community-service-learning-practicum/">http://shrivercenter.umbc.edu/096-community-service-learning-practicum/</a>	Friday, March 27th
Complete the <b>Basic Info profile</b> on UMBCworks  Click on EDIT underneath your current service, internship, co-op, or research placement. This will take you directly to the Basic Exp. Learning Information screen. To complete your Evaluations and Semester Report, click on the grey titles to the right of your experience on the Exp. Learning homepage.  Access here: <a href="http://www.careers.umbc.edu/umbcworks">http://www.careers.umbc.edu/umbcworks</a> .	Friday, March 27th
Complete All <b>Service-Learning Reflection Questions</b> on Blackboard. Responses should be at least 200 words in length. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must click "<b>SUBMIT</b>" for their entry to be received and for full credit to be given. Clicking</li> </ul>	Reflection Question 1: Sunday, March 8th, 2014 at 11:55 pm  Reflection Question 2: Sunday, March 15th, 2014 at 11:55 pm

<p>“SAVE” will not submit the entry to Blackboard, and no credit can be given for these entries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure that your question has been submitted correctly, click on “My Grades” in Blackboard. These icons represent the status of your submission:</li> </ul> <p>Other Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Check mark:</b> You have successfully completed the Survey (Reflections 1 and 10). The survey is anonymous. You will see a check mark by your name after it is completed instead of a point value.</li> <li><b>Green exclamation point:</b> You have successfully “SUBMITTED” your Blackboard response. If the entry meets the length requirements (at least 100 words), you will receive full credit for this response after it is graded.</li> <li><b>Clipboard:</b> You have “Saved” your response but <b>NOT</b> submitted it to Blackboard. No credit will be given to “SAVED” responses. Return to your response, open it, and click “SUBMIT.”</li> </ul>	<p>Reflection Question 3: Sunday, March 22th, 2014 at 11:55 pm</p> <p>Reflection Question 4: Sunday, March 29th, 2014 at 11:55 pm</p> <p>Reflection Question 5: Sunday, April 5th, 2014 at 11:55 pm</p> <p>Reflection Question 6: Sunday, April 12th, 2014 at 11:55 pm</p> <p>Reflection Question 7: Sunday, April 19th, 2014 at 11:55 pm</p> <p>Reflection Question 8: Sunday, April 26th, 2014 at 11:55 pm</p> <p>Reflection Question 9: Sunday, May 3rd, 2014 at 11:55 pm</p> <p>Reflection Question 10: Sunday, May 10th, 2014 at 11:55 pm</p>
<p>Attend <b>2 Reflections Sessions</b>. If you serve at a “Student Coordinator Lead Site” Then you will complete these reflections with your Site-Team.</p> <p>If not, you will need to attend two sessions from 3 series that are facilitated by Service-Learning staff. Each session within a series will be the same workshop. Each student must attend two reflection sessions from different series.</p> <p>If you do not attend two sessions and are not at a “Student Coordinator Lead Site” you must complete an Alternative Reflection Assignment. This will be sent out during the semester from the S-L Staff</p>	<p>Series One Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, March 30th : 12-1p in PUP 107;</li> <li>Wednesday, April 2nd: 12-1p in PUP 107</li> </ul> <p>Series Two Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, April 13th: 12-1p in PUP 107;</li> <li>Wednesday, April 15th: 12-1p in PUP 107</li> </ul> <p>Series Three Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, April 27th: 12-1p in PUP 107;</li> <li>Wednesday, April 29th: 12-1p in PUP 107</li> </ul>
<p>Complete <b>Student Evaluation and Placement Evaluation</b> on UMBCworks. <a href="http://www.careers.umbc.edu/umbcworks">http://www.careers.umbc.edu/umbcworks</a></p>	<p>Tuesday, May 12th</p>
<p>Submit <b>Service-Learning Time-Sheet</b> as a record of service hours. Access time-sheet: <a href="http://shrivercenter.umbc.edu/096-community-service-learning-practicum/">http://shrivercenter.umbc.edu/096-community-service-learning-practicum/</a></p>	<p>Tuesday, May 12th</p>

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