

Service Learning Evaluation of Learning Outcomes

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Learning

I understood the purpose of this community project in relation to the subject matter being taught in class.	91.1%	87.2%	93.1%	86.6%
The community project aspect of this course helped me to understand the subject matter and how it can be used in everyday life.	88.4%	86.8%	91.3%	86.6%
Community projects should be a part of more classes at this university.	78.7%	81.3%	88.0%	88.6%
The community project helped me to better understand the course lectures and readings.	76.7%	77.0%	82.5%	79.9%
The syllabus provided for this course outlined the objectives of the community project in relation to course objectives.	86.6%	83.7%	86.8%	88.4%
The other students in this class did not play an important role in my learning.	39.4%	40.7%	23.0%	33.6%
I had the opportunity in this course to reflect on what I was learning from my project.	90.0%	88.4%	93.0%	92.5%
The community project increased my motivation to succeed in school.	77.8%	76.0%	79.5%	79.2%

Community

I felt comfortable working with the community organization.	94.5%	90.4%	94.0%	93.9%
I felt that the community project I did through this course benefited the community.	87.6%	81.8%	90.8%	97.3%
I worked directly with a community partner and/or faculty member through this course.	87.1%	78.4%	87.6%	90.5%
This project helped me see how I can contribute to my community.	88.4%	85.0%	89.4%	92.4%
After college I will volunteer/participate in the community.	89.1%	91.5%	93.0%	97.3%
I think it is very important to be actively involved in my community.	94.8%	93.9%	93.9%	98.0%
This project helped me feel more a part of the USI community.	59.2%	59.9%	67.1%	72.5%
This community project helped me to understand how to work with partners to achieve goals.	84.9%	81.0%	89.3%	90.4%
This community project gave me a deeper sense of commitment to future service.	79.5%	83.4%	86.9%	84.8%
This community project helped me understand how to effectively discuss important community issues.	80.2%	76.0%	78.1%	82.7%

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Future Personal Growth

The community project helped me to become aware of my personal strengths and weaknesses.	84.3%	80.4%	83.8%	85.8%
The community project helped me to develop my problem-solving skills.	78.2%	78.9%	82.8%	82.4%
The community project enhanced my ability to communicate in a “real world” setting.	83.3%	83.2%	89.8%	89.9%
The community work involved in this project made me more aware of my own biases and prejudices.	76.5%	67.5%	66.8%	74.3%
This community project helped me gain professional contacts for future employment.	60.1%	62.7%	60.8%	61.7%
The community project in this course assisted me in clarifying my career plans.	67.5%	70.4%	68.6%	68.9%
This community project increased my feelings of self-worth.	78.2%	79.1%	83.8%	82.9%
This community project helped me develop compassion.	77.1%	77.3%	81.4%	81.4%
This community project helped me understand how to work collaboratively with my peers.	85.0%	77.6%	89.3%	89.5%
This community project gave me greater self-confidence.	77.4%	77.9%	80.9%	79.9%
This community project helped me develop additional leadership skills.	81.2%	81.7%	85.1%	84.7%
This community project increased my dependability.	77.7%	78.7%	79.5%	84.4%