

certification requirements

At the University of Kansas, you have the opportunity to become certified in service learning as a way to enhance your academic career and your resume. There are three options you can follow in order to complete the certification process. Through these 3 different tracks, you can make the service learning experience your own.

Upon completion of all requirements, the designation, "Certification in Service Learning," will appear on your official KU transcript.

Please visit our website for a listing of the designated service learning courses, copies of the service learning and leadership articles, and more information about our program.

[Option One]

- + Complete the service in a designated service learning course
- + Complete a 20 hour independent project, volunteer experience, or leadership experience
- + Read a series of service learning and leadership articles
- + Attend two reflection sessions or create a personal reflection in the form of a final paper, film, presentation, or other medium

[Option Two]

- + Complete the service in 2 designated service learning courses
- + Read a series of service learning and leadership articles
- + Attend two reflection sessions or create a personal reflection in the form of a final paper, film, presentation, or other medium

[Option Three]

- + Complete the service in 3 designated service learning courses
- + Read a series of service learning and leadership articles
- + Turn in a reflection paper from one of your 3 service learning courses

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What is Service Learning?

Service learning is a method of learning, teaching, and reflecting that combines academic classroom curriculum with meaningful service to the community. It is based on the premises that learning is enriched through experience and that engaging students with the community is essential for fostering innovative leadership, social responsibility, and positive change in today's world.

What is Certification in Service Learning?

Certification in Service Learning is a structured program that gives you the opportunity to utilize your classroom skills to alleviate community needs and gain recognition at the same time. It also challenges you to rethink your role as a student, citizen, and individual.

Why Do It?

- + GET RECOGNIZED—Receive an official designation on your transcript acknowledging your commitment to service and learning
- + Build a strong resume
- + Develop professional connections
- + Increase your awareness of social issues and community problems
- + Make your academic learning relevant through real-world application

WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK?

“I challenge everyone at the University to make their academic experiences meaningful by giving back to their community and taking part in service learning. Every student at the University of Kansas should be certified, not only to help others, but also to help themselves.”

—Hillary Frost from Shawnee, KS, Leadership Studies Practicum