

Academic Service-Learning Course Guidelines

In order for your course to be designated as an Academic Service-Learning (AS-L) course at Florida Atlantic University, the AS-L project within your syllabus must contain/demonstrate the following criteria:

1. **Academic Service-Learning Statement** (See below.)*
2. **Relevant and Meaningful Service in the Community** - The AS-L project should be applicable to the course and worthwhile in meeting community needs.
3. **Enhanced Academic Learning** - The AS-L project should complement what is learned in the classroom and provide an experience in a “real world” setting.
4. **Purposeful Civic Engagement** - The AS-L project should be designed to have students practice the learning strategies and/or content of the class that meets course learning objectives in a community setting.
5. **Critical Reflection** - The AS-L project should ask students to reflect on how the project links to (1) course objectives, (2) the impact of the students’ work in the community, and (3) the impact on the students’ personal and professional development.*
6. **Hours Required** - FAU requires students spend a minimum of 10 hours on the AS-L project.*
7. **Assessment** - Syllabus should state how AS-L project will be assessed.*
8. **Assumption of Risk Statement*** (See below)

ACADEMIC SERVICE-LEARNING STATEMENT:

This course is designated as an “**academic service-learning**” course. The assistance you provide to the agency/organization during your academic service-learning (AS-L) experience is a service to the community and will allow you to apply knowledge from the course to local, national, and/or global social issues. Throughout this course you will be participating in AS-L activities while demonstrating civic engagement at campus, local, national, and/or global community levels. You will also reflect on your AS-L experience and the impact on the community as well as your professional development.

Academic service-learning notation of hours will post to your transcript with submission of hours to your faculty instructor and completion of the required survey. Please click on the following link after submitting your hours to complete the [Academic Service-Learning Post-Survey](#).

Assumption of Risk Statement for Student

I understand that there are certain physical risks inherent in every form of service-learning. I understand the risks associated with this Academic Service-Learning assignment. I nonetheless agree to assume those risks so as to gain the benefits from participation in this valuable learning experience. I hereby release the State of Florida, the Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University and its agents and employees from any and all liability associated with my participation in this assignment at Florida Atlantic University.

** must be explicitly stated in syllabus*