Community Service Learning (LCR)

The interdisciplinary minor in Community Service Learning is open to all undergraduates who wish to add a service learning dimension to their academic experience. The program, housed in James College, is designed to use the special educational and research opportunities available at Stony Brook to create citizens with the depth of commitment to community service that the 21st century demands. Acquisition of skills and knowledge is combined with a fostering of appreciation by students of their role as citizens both in the University and in the surrounding communities. The learning arena is extended into the community by addressing local social issues. After completion of academic course work, student interns are partnered and assigned to work in specific communities to address community concerns.

Courses Offered in Community Service Learning

See the Course Descriptions listing in this Bulletin for complete information.

LCR 200-F The Nature of Community
LCR 201 Methods for Social Action Research
LCR 487 Directed Research in Community Service Learning
LCR 488 Internship in Community Service Learning
LCR 490 Senior Seminar in Community Service Learning

Requirements for the Minor in Community Service Learning (LCR)

Before declaring the minor in community service learning, each student should plan his or her program in consultation with the faculty director. All courses must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.

Completion of the minor requires 23 credits.

1. LCR 200 The Nature of Community
2. LCR 201 Methods for Social Action Research
3. Elective Course Sequence:
   Three lower-division credits and three upper-division credits in courses to be chosen in consultation with the faculty director
4. LCR 487 Directed Research in Community Service Learning, for a total of 3 credits
5. LCR 488 Community Service Learning Internship
   Students are required to register for LCR 488 Community Service Learning Internship for two semesters, for a total of 6 credits
6. LCR 490 Senior Seminar in Community Service Learning

Declaration of the Minor

Students must declare the Community Service Learning minor no later than the middle of their third year, at which time they consult with the director of the minor and plan their course of study for fulfillment of the requirements.