

Service Learning Program

Program Mission

The mission of the program is to make reflective service learning an integral part of the education and life experiences of Missouri S&T Students.

By developing a campus-wide service learning program, Missouri S&T will expand service learning opportunities to a broader range of Missouri S&T students and enhance Missouri S&T's mission to be the premier source of leaders for today's society.

What is Service Learning?

- **Service Learning** is a term used here to describe a type of experiential learning where students engage in service to the community.
- **Academic Service Learning** is used here to describe a type of experiential learning where students in a course engage in service to the community; and the service activity enhances and relates to the course content. Academic service learning courses include reflective exercises through which students have the opportunity to describe what they learned from the service experience.

Benefits of Service Learning

The service learning program will have a significant benefit for both Missouri S&T students and the community. **Service learning helps students:**

- Strengthen their knowledge of the community
- Become actively engaged citizens
- Gain valuable experiences
- Create worthwhile partnerships
- Confirm or redirect their career choices
- Increase learning of course content
- Encourage life-long civic participation
- Build strong resumes
- Enhance personal and professional development

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In addition to enhancing student learning, the Service Learning Program will help the university build community partnerships and will provide our community partners with beneficial outcomes.