



# COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

## ACCESS Engagement

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa™

## GETTING STARTED WITH SERVICE LEARNING SPRING 2018

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The Program for Civic Engagement (PCE) of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's College of Social Sciences (ACCESS-Engagement) coordinates a number of interdisciplinary and some inter-institutional service-learning programs and projects with excellent research opportunities for students and faculty.

Check out [http://servicelearning.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/pdf/Civic\\_Engagement\\_for\\_students\\_CSS.pdf](http://servicelearning.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/pdf/Civic_Engagement_for_students_CSS.pdf) - our general brochure, which gives an overview of larger programs and pathways, and see our website for additional details, projects, sites, and information about community engagement and research opportunities.

### GET STARTED WITH SERVICE LEARNING

1. **Register online** for service learning at the start of each semester (including returning students):  
<https://goo.gl/forms/WOwgBInRQW5Lt70k1>
2. Complete and submit a signed **waiver of liability** in hard copy to our office. Waivers can be picked up at the office or downloaded from here: [http://servicelearning.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/pdf/PCE\\_waiver\\_rev\\_0116.pdf](http://servicelearning.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/pdf/PCE_waiver_rev_0116.pdf)
3. **Send us an email ([csssl@hawaii.edu](mailto:csssl@hawaii.edu))** introducing yourself, your academic requirements, and your specific interests and site preferences. Please also set up an **appointment to meet** with us about your site placement.
4. Once we have agreed on a site placement, **you will receive specific instructions** about how to contact your site coordinators. When you first meet with the community partner, you will complete an agreement that spells out a schedule, conditions, and training requirements. ("**Site Agreement**" – available on our website).
5. You are now ready to **start your service learning!** Be sure to comply with requirements and instructions from your instructor, our office, and your site supervisor. **Have a good and productive learning experience!**

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- **Timesheets:** Keep track of your service hours on a timesheet signed by your site supervisor. At the end of the semester, submit your timesheet to our office. Your instructor may also request a copy. Blank timesheets can be downloaded here: <http://servicelearning.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/forms.html>
- **Journals:** Most instructors also require you to write daily journals.
- **Evaluations:** We may ask the community partner to email us an evaluation of your work. We may also ask you for an evaluation of the service site.
- **Reflection Paper:** Please email us a copy of your final reflection paper and/or other final assignments required for the class for which you are doing service learning

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Student Leaders: ACCESS Engagement has a diverse and creative staff of student leaders: Kat Lobendahn, Daven Chang, Misty Davis, Junior Coleman, Lina Prescott, and Kyle Kajihiro. Come to Dean Hall 5/6 and meet them – and the many other students and faculty involved in engagement activities that hang out and help out!

# ACCESS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND PATHWAYS

Sites of service span all sectors of our society, from government to those taking care of our land and Hawaiian practices. We are involved in health, education, public policy, social justice.

Several CSS disciplines offer service-learning or other community-engagement options combined with research through **regular courses**. It is not uncommon that you earn up to one-third of your credits for a regular course through for instance completing 25 hours of service, doing associated research, analysis, and journal writing. Service learning also works well with **online courses**.

In the disciplines as well as on the general Social Sciences level, we also have many **fieldwork, internship, and capstone courses** that offer a focus on community engagement. The ACCESS Engagement Director, Dr. Ulla Hasager, can help you find the right course and service site for you – and also teaches three such courses:

ES 380, Field Work in Ethnic Studies, 1-6 credits, including 25-100 hours of service, field research, and analysis.

SOCS 385, Service Learning, 1 credit (CR/NC only, repeatable twice to a total of 3 credits), functioning as a lab for other courses offering service learning or as a stand-alone course including minimum 25 hours of service.

SOCS 489, Internships, 3-6 credits based on 150-300 hours of service.

The main differences between service learning and internships are that internships primarily train you for your future career, whereas service learning has a stronger emphasis on the benefits of the community and academic curriculum.

To learn more about how to get engaged – also if none of your current courses offer the option of service learning, internships, or undergraduate field research – please check come by the ACCESS Lounge, and contact our director.

**MĀLAMA I NĀ AHUPUA‘A (MINA) PROGRAM:** Work with elders and stewards of the land to care for Native Hawaiian cultural sites, protect native ecosystems and to learn about sustainability and food security from an indigenous perspective. Activities primarily take place on weekends and some weekday mornings, but individual schedules can be arranged.

## **PĀLOLO PIPELINE PROGRAM (PPP)**

Support the education and community building by Pacific Islanders and Southeast Asian youth and their families – many

recent immigrants. You can work at one of numerous partner sites in Pālolo Valley. Our key partners include the local public schools (Pālolo Elementary, Jarrett Middle, and Kaimukī High Schools), and the Pālolo housing areas, including the Pālolo ‘Ohana Learning Center, garden and canoe projects, family- and teen programs. Creativity welcome!

**NO MO’ HAUS’:** Assist with supporting dignity for the houseless. We work with houseless and their service providers at many levels. Tasks include, but are not limited to: mentoring and tutoring children and youth, serving meals, and caring for urban food gardens. Our community partner sites include the Institute of Human Services (IHS) in Kalihi and a canoe-building project in Waimānalo. Some schedules are flexible.

**OCEANIC CONNECTIONS:** Help improve living conditions for Pacific native and immigrant groups in Hawai‘i – primarily by challenging racism and discrimination and improving health, education, housing, and employment – working with one of our many partner community groups, organizations, agencies, and institutions across O‘ahu. The two student leaders in charge of our Ka Holo Wa‘a program (run in collaboration with the Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy) are voyagers on their own: Kat Lobendahn (also Oceanic Connections pathway leader) and Junior Coleman (also canoe carver trained by Mau Piailug).

**POLICY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE:** Assist groups engaged in making social change and learn about political and social processes. Several programs and projects offer opportunities to work with both government agencies and institutions as well as community organizations and groups dedicated to social change and social movement documentation projects – such as KANU Hawai‘i, the Hawai‘i Peoples Fund, Community Alliance on Prisons/Life of the Land, Local 5/Aikea, and Hawai‘i Peace and Justice.

**OTHER PROJECTS:** We work with a number of institutions, agencies, and organizations island-wide via established community partnerships, including summer programs for youth around the island. Individually designed projects on O‘ahu and (for online students) beyond, can also be arranged. Contact us to explore options.

*Email [cssl@hawaii.edu](mailto:cssl@hawaii.edu) for additional information. See also <http://servicelearning.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/resources.html>*

*Training sessions are generally by appointment.*

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*Through ACCESS Engagement we work with students and faculty to become connected to the community in various ways. Our many focus areas include sustainability, indigeneity, interdisciplinarity, and teaching to important current issues. We have special expertise and activities pertaining to UHM as an ‘Āina-based, Hawaiian place of learning. We work with groups such as Pacific Islanders, trans-fer students, inter/national students, veterans, and many others. We also support student clubs with meeting space and engagement opportunities.*