Ingenuity in Action – Civic Engagement

Language for pre-approved course syllabus

The Ingenuity in Action program provides guided opportunities for students to document and reflect on their educational experiences.  Completed experiences are noted on a student’s academic transcript in addition to any course credit earned.

This course has been pre-approved as meeting the expectations and requirements of the Civic Engagement category.

If you are interested in participating in this program, I will serve as your sponsor. You will need to submit a proposal to begin the process. In your proposal, you will need to select the appropriate category and provide contact information for you, your academic adviser, and your sponsor.  After the completion of the course, you will need to complete and/or upload a final reflection to be reviewed and approved by me.

The learning outcomes that the course plans to achieve are as follows:

1. You will demonstrate understanding of a complex social issue and the ways in which community-based organizations can help alleviate problems or contribute to solutions.
2. You will illustrate your ability to communicate effectively through working as a member of a diverse team.
3. You will recognize the importance of social responsibility, inclusivity, and compassion for others.
4. You will develop an understanding of civic engagement opportunities and explore ways to incorporate citizenship into your future plans, professionally and personally.
5. You will understand the importance of reciprocity while working with community-based organizations.

Start thinking about the reflection questions now. You are encouraged to keep a daily journal during this experience to aid the reflection process. The reflection questions are as follows:

1. Describe your experience and what you learned about the social issue that was the focus of your experience. Be sure to address how the community-based organization helped alleviate problems or contributed to solutions (Learning Outcomes 1, 3).
2. In what ways was this a *mutually beneficial*relationship between you and the community partner? How might you have deepened your commitment to this partnership (Learning Outcomes 2, 5)?
3. Describe a circumstance you faced during this experience and how this allowed you to understand the importance of social responsibility (Learning Outcome 3).
4. Create a [resume entry](https://www.cornellcollege.edu/berry-career-institute/pdfs/Resume%20Sample-%20Preferred%20Format.pdf), including the title of the position/project/experience and 1-3 bullet points (resume style) describing your experience.  You might focus on aspects of your experience that demonstrate citizenship and the skills you gained as a result of this experience (Learning Outcome 4).

The proposal link is:  <https://cornellcollege.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1IdLZTQZ8m13UCp>

The reflection link is: <https://cornellcollege.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfjf5dxXfuVxuip>

More details on the program and the specific experiential categories can be found at <https://cornellcollege.edu/ingenuity/ingenuity-in-action/index.shtml>