Service Learning Reflection Assignment Guidelines

General Comment: More than earning a grade for the course, the time you offer to the community is greatly needed and makes a huge impact. Many organizations are struggling during these difficult economic times, while at the same time many more people are depending on the services these organizations offer, which makes your contribution even more valued. For example, during one semester, I helped students work at a local food bank. Even though it was less than 20 degrees outside, 122 families lined up outside and stood in the cold for more than an hour just to get a single basket of food. Moreover, this project gives you the opportunity to practice “ethics” that we will discuss in class. You’ll also get to spend quality time with a classmate, be able to add an important experience to your resume, and work with an organization that may lead to future employment connections. Some students have attested to being “transformed” by the experience, or inspired to continue doing community service.

Service Learning Reflections (3 each 5% of total grade): To be completed on Bb. Type directly into the journal feature on Bb. Do Not Upload a document. Please make sure that your writing is free of spelling and grammar errors. See due dates on the course calendar.

Reflection One: Prior to your service learning experience, choose 4 concepts (identify them in bold) from Chapter 1 in The Ethics of Leadership that relate to your expectations for your service learning experience. Cite page numbers from the text in APA format. Identify your expectations and describe how they reflect your feelings going into the service learning project. Thus, this is a personal reflection tied to theory discussed in Chapter 1, which provides a starting place for your expectations of the experience. Additionally, respond to the questions – Have you ever performed community service in the past? If yes, describe the experience and if no, explain why community service hasn’t been a part your life experience.

Reflection Two: In the midst of your service learning experience (4+ hours completed), choose 4 concepts (identify them in bold) from Chapter 2 in The Ethics of Leadership that reflect on what you have learned since your first paper. Cite page numbers from the text in APA format. You may want to discuss how these concepts build upon your prior reflection and relate to your experience in the middle of completing your hours. Additionally, you will need to talk with the Director or person in charge of your project to respond to the following questions – How did this person get involved with the organization? How long has this person been involved? Why did this person choose this particular organization? What motivates this person to perform community service?

Reflection Three: After your service learning experience, choose 2 concepts from Chapter 5 in The Ethics of Leadership (only from the section “The Servant as Leader” and 2 concepts from anywhere else in the text) (identify concepts in bold). Cite page numbers from the text in APA format. Additionally, respond to the questions – What implications for our understanding of professional life can you draw from this reflection? To what extent are citizens responsible for the health and well-being of the larger public sphere? How has your standpoint from your original reflection changed?