



GEMC3001 Service Learning/Civic Engagement

Final essay guidelines

Composing a final essay will provide you an opportunity to reflect on your service experience. In preparation for writing your essay, return to the proposal submitted at the beginning of the term. Review your project abstract, background, and objectives. Now that you have completed your service project, analyze your accomplishments against your original expectations and plans.

Your essay must respond to at least one of the following questions:

- Did you encounter an underlying social issue at the service site? (Provide details and analysis.)
- Did you confront an ethical dilemma at the service site? (Describe the context, the individuals involved, and the controversy or event that created the ethical dilemma.)

This response must be supported by research (at least five academic sources) and your first-hand experience at the service site.

Your essay should:

1. place your service experience in a larger context;
2. briefly describe what happened;
3. consider project improvements that address the social issue described in your proposal/in your research;
4. generate ideas and identify questions about the effectiveness of your service project and the social needs that you recognized and/or considered;
5. make use of the readings listed in your proposal; and
6. be properly referenced [*use Chicago-style Citation, either humanities style or author-date system, <http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>*]

Be sure to include:

1. Title page (include: Your name, USID, your tutor's name, GEMC3001, date)
2. Abstract, on a page by itself (This may be a revised version of the abstract included in your original proposal.)
3. 7-10 pages of review and analysis [double-spaced, 12 pt font (readable, e.g. Times New Roman, A4 paper, pages numbered – bottom, center)]

Submission deadline: Check with your instructor.

Please drop a HARD COPY with a signed VeriGuide declaration in the box outside the College Office.