RS 100L Foundations of Spiritual Formation Lab
Serving Society: Enacting Justice
Zero-credit Option

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DESCRIPTION

This zero-credit option fulfills the Serving Society; Enacting Justice” requirement within the “Competent & Compassionate Action” of the General Education Curriculum. The student is required to participate in a field experience in the greater Santa Barbara area. Within this context, the student will examine an issue of justice such as economic disparity, gender, ethnicity, environmental stewardship, political disenfranchisement, safety, aging, disability or other concern. The service may be direct or may address systemic and/or structural concerns.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Meet with Prof. Nelson for orientation within the first three weeks of the semester.
2. Serve a minimum of twelve hours over the course of the semester at an approved worksite. Four hours of service must be completed by the midterm.
5. Develop a 1 page bibliography on the topic of “Serving Society; Enacting Justice.”
6. Write a 3-5 page paper on “Serving Society; Enacting Justice,” integrating your thoughts from the two readings and your service experience; due on the last day of class.
7. Meet with Prof. Nelson at mid-term to submit your bibliography and discuss your paper.
8. Supervisor Evaluation documenting service hours is due by the last day of class.
9. Hourly log is due on the last day of class.

GRADING

This option will be graded P/NC, based upon the completion of the above requirements. No incomplete grades will be issued. Withdrawing from the class after March 13, 2009 will result in a “WX” grade on the transcript.