MATRIX 3B

Exemplars - Purposeful Civic Learning Objectives

We offer below some sample direct and purposeful civic learning objectives to assist your efforts with the worksheets on the next pages. These are not meant to be prescriptive, but rather illustrative of what we have in mind for purposeful civic learning objectives that will prepare you for undertaking the next seven worksheets. Once you've had a chance to become familiar with the exemplars below, please proceed to the next page.

Please keep in mind that a total of three to six specific civic learning objectives is a reasonable target for a service-learning course. Fewer than three may have a negligible effect on students' civic development. More than six may compromise attention to the academic learning objectives of the course.

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Goal Categories for Purposeful Civic Learning	Knowledge	Skills	Values
Academic Learning	Understanding root causes of social problems	Developing active learning skills	There is important knowledge only found in the community
Democratic Citizenship Learning	Becoming familiar with different conceptualizations of citizenship	Developing competency in identifying community assets	Communities depend on an active citizenry
Diversity Learning	Understanding individual vs. institutional "isms"	Developing cross-cultural communication skills	Voices of minorities are needed to make sound community decisions
Political Learning	Learning about how citizen groups have effected change in their communities	Developing advocacy skills	Citizenship is about more than voting and paying taxes
Leadership Learning	Understanding the social change model of leadership	Developing skills that facilitate the sharing of leadership roles	Understanding that leadership is a process, and not a characteristic associated with an individual or a role
Inter- and Intra- Personal Learning	Understanding one's multiple social identities	Developing problem-solving skills	Learning an ethic of care
Social Responsibility Learning	How individuals in a particular profession act in socially responsible ways	Determining how to apply one's professional skills to the betterment of society	Responsibility to others applies to those pursuing all kinds of careers