



Civically Engaged Scholars

Explore social justice issues through designated service-learning courses and sustained community engagement as a Civically Engaged Scholar (CES).

Civically Engaged Scholars put their education to work by serving their communities, establishing a lifelong commitment to community engagement.

As a Civically Engaged Scholar you will:

- Be recognized as an honors student at graduation
- Be permanently designated as an honors student on your academic transcripts
- Wear royal blue cords of distinction at graduation
- Be part of a group of civically engaged students
- Connect with a Community Partner over the course of multiple semesters
- Create an involvement & service transcript through OrgSync
- Present your project(s) to the Thayne Center Community & Academic Advisory Board
- Develop as a leader and engaged citizen
- Earn a certificate of achievement from the Thayne Center
- Be recognized at the annual Celebration of Service & Learning
- Help create positive, sustainable change in our communities!

Students interested in becoming a Civically Engaged Scholar need to complete CES Orientation with Brandon Devlin, the Thayne Center's Service Leadership Coordinator.

Contact Brandon at 801-957-4881 or Brandon.Devlin@slcc.edu to schedule your appointment today!

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Program Requirements

- Enroll in SLSS 2100: Developing the Civically Engaged Leader before beginning your second semester as a Civically Engaged Scholar (CES).
- Log service and leadership hours (if applicable) in OrgSync.
- Participate in at least four SLCC sponsored trainings and/or workshops each academic year.
- Participate in at least two CES Cohort meetings before graduating (One needs to be within the first two semesters of the program).
- Interact with the monthly Civically Engaged Scholars reflection prompts on the Thayne Center Blog.
- Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA (verified by CES Program Coordinator at the end of each semester).
- Post sample reflections and key service experiences in the "Learning Outside the Classroom" tab of your SLCC General Education e-Portfolio.
- Choose an Engaged Individual or Engaged department track (below) and meet all requirements.

Engaged Individual & Engaged Department Tracks

Engaged Individual: Academic Service Learning

- Complete 150 hours of service with a nonprofit community partner(s); Hours separate from course assignments.
- Enroll in two, three-credit designated service-learning classes in any discipline.

Engaged Individual: Civically Engaged Leadership

- Complete 150 hours of service with a nonprofit community partner(s); Hours separate from course assignments
- Complete 300 hours of leadership experiences; i.e. SLiCE, Clubs & Orgs, LeaderShape, nonprofit boards, un-paid church committees, etc.
- Enroll in LE 2950: Developing Strengths Based Leadership.

Engaged Individual: Community Building

- Complete 300 hours of service with a nonprofit community partner(s); Hours separate from course assignments.
- Enroll in one three-credit designated service-learning class in any discipline.

Engaged Department: English

- Complete 100 hours of service with a nonprofit community partner (separate from course assignments).
- Enroll in and complete two English service-learning classes (recommended ENGL 1010 and 2010).
- Enroll in and complete SLSS 2100 and ENGL 1900 (Independent Study).

Engaged Department: Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)

- Contact Robyn Thompson for requirements at Robyn.Thompson@slcc.edu



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Civically Engaged Scholars Program Information

Selecting a Community Partner

If you need help identifying an organization to volunteer with, the Thayne Center can help. We maintain a database of Community Partners and we can help find other local organizations that might not be in our database. Ideally, you will serve with one community partner to complete CES service hour requirements. A minimum of 60% of your required hours (outside of service learning classes) must be completed with one organization. By partnering with the same organization for an extended period of time you will better understand the issues your community partner is working to address, enhance your understanding of their organization, and develop a deeper awareness of how your actions can have a positive impact on both the issue area and the organization.

** Engaged Department students volunteer with partners already established within their program.*

Logging Service Hours

Service logs are used to document the hours served with your community partner. While daily service logs are ideal, we also understand that this may not always be possible. We do require CES students to log no more than two weeks of service hours in any one submission however. These logs are submitted through OrgSync as involvement entries in your individual profile. Instructions for logging service hours can be found on the Civically Engaged Scholars OrgSync page at <https://orgsync.com/53702/files>

** Engaged Department service hours are managed by the faculty leading the program.*

Reflection Prompts

All Civically Engaged Scholars completing Engaged Individual Tracks are required to respond to reflection prompts on their ePortfolio. Scholars in Engaged Department Tracks are also highly encouraged to participate. Students may record one hour of service for posting reflection responses. All reflection responses must be recorded through OrgSync as a service involvement entry with a link to the response in the reflection field. Reflection response submission instructions are at <https://orgsync.com/53702/files>.

Workshops

As a Civically Engaged Scholar, you must attend at least four SLCC Sponsored trainings or workshops throughout the academic year. These will be posted on the Thayne Center web site and on Orgsync. You can find a list of events on the CES OrgSync page. Events not listed but that will contribute to students experience as a Civically Engaged Scholar will be approved on an individual basis. After attending an event, fill out the CES Event/ Workshop Form in OrgSync at <https://orgsync.com/53702/forms/74717> to receive credit.

CES Cohort Meetings

You are required to attend at least two Cohort Meetings, and the first meeting must be during your first two semesters as a Civically Engaged Scholar. These meetings will allow Civically Engaged Scholars to share and learn from one another, collaborate on service projects, and collectively learn valuable skills.