

# What in the world is Service Learning?



# Definition

“Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.”

Adapted from Learn and Serve America at [www.servicelearning.org/what-service-learning](http://www.servicelearning.org/what-service-learning)



# Service Learning Philosophy

- Promotes learning through active participation
- Provides structured time for students to **reflect**
- Provides an opportunity to use skills and knowledge in real-life situations
- Fosters a sense of caring for others

Adapted from the National and Community Service Act of 1990



# Personal Benefits of Service Learning

- Enhances your sense of career options and possibilities
- Enhances your sense of technical competence
- Allows you to network with local agency representatives
- Become more civically minded and socially responsible





# Alternative Break



- The Alternative Break Program gives you the opportunity to serve and learn.
- WOU students help to alleviate common societal issues.
- Teams of students have gone all across the country, and the world to directly serve
- Trips take place during Winter, Spring, and Summer Breaks and can be anywhere from 5-12 days long.

# Scholarships for Service?



- Yep, that's right! You can earn a \$1,132 scholarship just for serving your local community!
- Students in Service is an AmeriCorps Program that provides students interested in volunteer work and community service with a year-long commitment where they will directly serve non-profit organizations in their community.
- For more information, visit:  
[www.studentsinservice.org](http://www.studentsinservice.org)
- 300 Hour Term of Service = \$1,132 Educational Award



# SEEK Program

- SEEK stands for Students and Elders Encouraging Kindness, and joins WOU with the Monmouth Senior Center.
- Student volunteers sign up for and help complete yard work and tasks around the house for older adults in the Monmouth/Independence area.
- Interested? Visit [www.wou.edu/seek](http://www.wou.edu/seek) to become a volunteer today!

