

Service-Learning Courses Berea College 2020 - 21 Academic Year*

Courses followed by (SL - ALE) were designated as service-learning courses that fulfilled the Active Learning Experience (ALE) requirement of the General Education Program.

*During the 2020 – 21 academic year, as a result of safety precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, many courses were conducted on-line, and many Berea College students were enrolled remotely. The fall and spring semesters were conducted in shorter 7-week sessions. In addition, community engaged activities, including service-learning, were conducted remotely.

FALL TERM 2020

GSTR 110 Student Debt as a Wicked Problem

Faculty: Nicholas Hartlep

Community Partner Organization: Kentucky Center for Economic Policy; Work Colleges Consortium

Service-Learning Project: Students implemented virtual strategies for raising awareness about the national student debt crisis, including advocacy and hosting a Twitter chat. Strategies supported efforts of the community partner organizations to address this issue.

HHP 362 Teaching and Evaluation in Health & Physical Education (SL - ALE)

Faculty: Michelle Thornton-Adler

Community Partner Organization: Berea Community Elementary School

Service-Learning Project: Students in the class developed fun videos to encourage positive experiences with physical activity for the elementary-aged children, all of whom were attending school remotely due to COVID-19 pandemic safety measures.

PHY 111 Section A Introduction to Astronomy (SL - ALE)

Faculty: Tracy Hodge

Community Partner Organization: Public middle schools in the Partners for Education “Promise Zone” economically distressed (as classified by the Appalachian Regional Commission) region of Eastern Kentucky.

Service-Learning Project: In response to the pandemic closure of most in-person education in Kentucky, the Yahng Discovery Center at Berea College began producing short educational videos aimed at Middle School students in our “Promise Neighborhoods.” Students in the class produced videos that provided “sky tours” of the seasonal skies for late spring/early summer, late summer/early fall, and winter.

PSC/PSJ/WGS Women and African-Americans in Politics (SL - ALE)

Faculty: Meta Mendel-Reyes

Community Partner Organization: Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC)

Service-Learning Project: Students collaborated with KFTC on electoral work, using an application, EMPOWER, to communicate with potential voters, promoting voter registration and voting.

PSY/WGS 202 Psychology of Women and Gender (SL - ALE)

Faculty: Wendy Williams

Community Partner Organization: Voter Empowerment and Political Awareness Coalition (VEPAC)

Service-Learning Project: Students supported the work of VEPAC to promote voter registration and voter turnout, by participating in virtual voter information sessions, distributing informational material about voter registration and “how to vote,” and by creating informational videos and infographics about voter registration and voting.

SPN 310 Spanish Composition and Hispanic Outreach Program (HOP) (SL - ALE)

Faculty: Fred de Rosset

Student Coordinators: Elvia Rojas (Program Manager); Yenni Izquierdo; Vanessa Martinez; Gabby Rodriguez; Maribel Vergera

Community Partner Organizations: Berea Community Middle School; Madison County Public Library – Berea Branch

Service-Learning Project: Students collaborated with partners to provide services that build bridges between Spanish-speaking and English-speaking communities, including Spanish classes for English speakers (children and adults), translation services, and educational programs about Spanish-speaking cultures.

SPRING TERM 2021

CSC 186 Introduction to Web Design (SL - ALE) (both sections)

Faculty: Brian Schack

Community Partner Organizations: African-American Genealogy Group; Berea Home Village; Folk Circle Association; Kiwanis; Lexington Vintage Dance; Nerd Louisville;

Service-Learning Project: Students worked with various non-profit organizations to develop organizational and event web-pages that support the communication efforts of each organization.

HHP 250 Aquatics (SL – ALE)

Faculty: Melody Srsic

SPN 310 Spanish Composition and Hispanic Outreach Program (HOP) (SL - ALE)

Faculty: Fred de Rosset

Student Coordinators: Elvia Rojas (Program Manager); Sara Busaleh; Yenni Izquierdo; Vanessa Martinez; Maribel Vergera

Community Partner Organizations: Berea Community Middle School; Kentuckians for the Commonwealth; Madison County Public Library – Berea Branch

Service-Learning Project: Students collaborated with partners to provide services that build bridges between Spanish-speaking and English-speaking communities, including Spanish classes for English speakers (children and adults), translation services, and educational programs about Spanish-speaking cultures.

TAD 140 Design and Production in Woods (SL - ALE) (all sections)

Faculty: Gary Mahoney

Service-Learning Project: Students designed and built wood products to be used by the community partner organization.

SUMMER 2021

ENG / ARG 286, Teaching BCAC Objects in K12 Curriculum

Faculty: Jason Cohen and Megan Doherty

Community Partner Organization: Rockcastle County Schools; Berea College Art Collections

Service-Learning Project: Students in this course will studied how to use art objects and their cultural contexts as the basis for developing materials geared toward teaching and learning about art objects in a high school setting. Students explored object-centered inquiry through their writing and reading, pursued case studies of other exhibit- and object-based curricular projects, and wrote their own lessons in consultation with the instructors based on small pre-selected groups of art objects held in the Berea College Art Collections. Students consulted with high school teachers in the region to develop materials the teachers want and that their students will use in classrooms across Central and Easter Kentucky. Since the Art Collections are not presently open to the public, this course was conducted remotely.

GST 286: Applied Civic Engagement and Social Change

Faculty: Andrea Woodward and Ashley Cochrane

Community Partner Organization: Madison County Public Library

Service-Learning Project: Students developed short “how-to” videos focused on various aspects of civic engagement, which are featured in a civic engagement series on the MCPL website, social media, and YouTube channel.