Community Engagement in the LLCs

Community Engagement at USD

At USD, we are proud to create and share a variety of community-based experiences that support and expand personal and academic growth for students, faculty, and staff.

Collaborating with Living Learning Communities on campus by connecting students to meaningful community engagement experiences is an opportunity that the Mulvaney Center for Community, Awareness and Social Action (CASA), University Ministry (UM), and the Office of Sustainability are all proud to support.

How to Connect

As the faculty of the LLCs work together to develop programs and opportunities around their theme for students this year, our departments would like to share some of the programs we facilitate as options for students to get involved and experience community engagement in a variety of ways.

On the back side of this flyer, we have listed Introductory Experiences, which tend to be one-time opportunities that introduce students to new communities and social realities that may connect to the theme of your LLC. For a more sustained commitment, we also offer a number of Ongoing and Deeper Engagement programs that are designed to give students and faculty an opportunity to build relationships in the community and maintain their commitment to a program to enhance and deepen their learning throughout the semester or year.

If you would like more information about any of these options, please contact the respective department and they will be happy to share their perspective, approach, and discuss potential connections with your course and/or LLC.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION


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Reflection: Deepen the Learning

CASA, UM, and the Office of Sustainability share the philosophy that community engagement without reflection falls short of the academic excellence and experiential development on which USD prides itself. When students are given the time to engage in critical and contemplative thought following a community-based experience, they are able to extract new meanings from their experiences which can lead to personal growth, authentic relationships, and more informed thoughts and actions.

The staff in our centers and departments are very familiar with designing and facilitating reflections, and we welcome the opportunity to work with any student or faculty member who would like more information on how to create and implement an effective and meaningful reflection for their LLC.