

# COMMUNITY SERVICE STUDIES MINOR

Community service is an integral part of American life. It is often equated with volunteerism of all sorts. However, engaging in service to communities raises complex issues that go beyond the acts of teaching a child to read, feeding the homeless, or tutoring English to a newly arrived immigrant. Issues of social justice, including race, class, language, socioeconomic standing, cultural sensitivity and privilege, pervade most activities we associate with community service. Community Service Studies is an interdisciplinary experiential learning program that offers students a context for critically reflecting upon and engaging in service and volunteerism.



All Community Service Scholars enroll in the Community Service Studies academic minor. The minor comprises six courses: three foundation courses (below) and three electives of your choice from a list of courses in myriad departments and colleges across the university. The following is more detailed information about the foundation courses in the CSS minor:

## CSS 201 Perspectives on Community Service

This course explores the relationship between social justice movements and non-profit organizations in the U.S. by providing a structure within which students can learn about issues and theory and the organizational settings in which they are serving.

## CSS 300 Introduction to Non-Profit Management

This course provides students with an understanding of how organizations that conduct the vital work of the non-profit sector function. Students will complete the course with the knowledge base to be effective program managers and board members in these organizations.

## CSS 395 Community Internship

This course exposes students to career potentials in non-profit and government agencies through an intensive internship experience in a community organization.

Students are free to choose any three courses (one of which has to be EL-CbSL) out of the designated electives from the following programs:

- Art and Art History
- Communication
- English
- Honors Program
- Latin American and Latino Studies
- Psychology
- Public Policy Studies
- Religious Studies
- Conflict Resolution & Social Justice
- Spanish
- Women's Studies
- International Service Learning Travel Courses

## PROFILE



**Anna Burnham** is currently a Women's and Gender Studies major with a concentration in Social Justice and Public Policy. She began volunteering at Roberto Clemente High School her freshman year and has spent the last two years at North Lawndale College Prep. Since her freshman year, she has also been involved with the program Take Back the Halls (TBTH), a program that focuses on teen dating, domestic, and sexual violence. Each week, Anna, along with other DePaul students, facilitates discussions with high school students to help deconstruct and critically analyze the violence that occurs locally and worldwide.

The skills and relationships that she has formed with TBTH will, she feels, better prepare her with forming professional relationships and working towards a life of social justice.

Full CSS course listings can be found at [steans.depaul.edu](https://steans.depaul.edu).

Questions about the CSS Minor?

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