

Leadership Service Learning Lab (LDRS211)
Reflection Essay
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Submit in Canvas at end of service to complete LDRS 211

This year you have been engaged in at least one approved service learning experience. In this 3-5 page essay, you will reflect on your experiences and the ways in which they might have impacted your perceptions and aspirations about future engagement with your community. Your essay should be double spaced, have an introduction and conclusion paragraph, and four to six body paragraphs.

The **introduction** should grab the reader's attention. Your conclusion should **integrate and summarize your key reflections and future implications** both for your role as an engaged citizen and your role as a leader. The body paragraphs may vary according to what kind of service you did. The body paragraphs may vary depending on how you served, but here are some suggestions:

- ★ **Share the story of the service learning experience.** Enrich your story with details about your perceptions, expectations, and first impressions. Did you have any changed viewpoints of your own attitudes and beliefs based on your service experience? Was there anything that you learned about yourself?
- ★ Specifically, reflect on **what you learned about the people you served who may be different from yourself and/or the agencies who serve them.** If you did not meet the people benefiting from your service, what do you think their needs and/or benefit of your service might have been? How might their life experiences and cultures have been different from your own?
- ★ Include **reflections about your commitment to your community in the long term** and how you see yourself working to make a contribution as an engaged citizen and principled leader. What have you learned about your strengths and interests that might help you identify causes or types of community engagement that best reflect your personal values and priorities? How can you utilize your strengths as a leader to maximize your personal impact on your community?
- ★ Finally, **discuss your leadership role within your service experience.** What skills and knowledge were you able to bring from your life experiences and academic work that helped prepare you to effectively engage with the community and your fellow teammates? Did you take a formal or informal leadership role in your service experience?

Contact Christina Soyden Arnold (christina.arnold@citadel.edu) or John Ray Roberts (robertsj1@citadel.edu) if you have difficulty entering your work, or have any further questions. Do not wait to the last minute to attempt your submission.

The deadline for essay submission for **Fall 2020 is Sunday, 6 December at midnight.** Essays must be completed and submitted to Canvas to receive a Passing LDRS211 grade to be entered.