Interest Meetings, Service Learning Projects, Spring 2025

Descriptions of projects and times of interest meeting for the Spring 2025 semester are listed below. Projects are listed in the order in which the initial meetings happen. Each interest meeting happens on Microsoft Teams, but there will be in-person work for each project. Some projects may require in-person meetings.

If you cannot make a meeting or want to find out more about a project, email the Service Learning Coordinator Matt Evans at <u>SL@nwacc.edu</u>.

You may do one or multiple projects depending on the requirements for your class. Be mindful of the various requirements made by your teacher for how you can get your grade for doing work in a service learning project.

As part of their service learning work, students should join the Service Learning Canvas shell (to get updates about their project and service learning) and complete the preproject form (to specify the service learning project that they hope to do). When they finish their hours, they will turn them in through the postproject form.

Questions? Email the Service Learning Coordinator at <u>SL@nwacc.edu</u>.

Arkansas History Service Learning Project

Initial Interest Meeting Time: Monday, Feb. 3, at 3 pm on MS Teams

This project focuses on the techniques and methodologies of Arkansas history. It involves any or all of the following activities: volunteering for the local History Day competition on March 8 at University of Arkansas Mullins Library, cleaning graves in disrepair in neglected NWA cemeteries, helping local history agencies to transcribe historical documents, research historical buildings and photograph them, and other history related activities.

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Globalizing Service Learning Project

Initial Interest Meeting Time: Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 3 pm on MS Teams

This project (and meting of the Global Affairs Council student group) centers effort for students to globally reimagine, resituate, and recontextualize the overlapping communities that constitute NWACC and the type of services that student might do to engage those communities. Students in this project orient themselves to the global processes and structures of people, goods, values, social structures as they touch this corner of Arkansas and other locales. The service opportunities in this project include helping plan and host International Education Week, assisting International Ambassadors in their tasks, assisting Global Studies and International Education, and working towards giving the college a more global orientation.

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Human Insecurity Service Learning Project

Initial Interest Meeting Time: Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 3 pm on MS Teams

This project focuses on a day shelter and mobile outreach for the housing insecure. Work is done with Beautiful Lives Boutique, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, and/or Way Station.

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Human Rights Service Learning Project

Initial Interest Meeting Time: Thursday, Feb. 6, at 3 pm on MS Teams

This project focuses on the difficulties of children who lack beds to sleep in throughout Northwest Arkansas by having students participate in a bed build and work with the group Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The time for the bed build is still to be determined.

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Marshallese Service Learning Project

Initial Interest Meeting Time: Monday, Feb. 10, at 3 pm on MS Teams

This project explores the Marshallese diaspora within NWA in their experiences, histories, needs, and innovations by having students work with the Marshallese Education Initiative.

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Sustainability Service Learning Project

Initial Interest Meeting Time: Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 3 pm on MS Teams

This project centers sustainability at NWACC and in NW Arkansas. Members of the project consider combining various project components: work on the Service Learning Memorial Butterfly Garden, continuing the partnership with the Benton County Environment Division (Environment Officer Teresa Sidwell) to participate Benton County cleanup/recycling events, habitat restoration and cleanup at Searle's Prairie. Work typically happens in groups on scheduled times on Friday mornings throughout the semester.

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Transitions Service Learning Project

Initial Interest Meeting Time: Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 3 pm on MS Teams

This project assists the Transitions Closet at NWACC, a resource developed on the third floor of the Student Center that provides resources for people making transitions in their life.

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Women's Service Learning Project

Initial Interest Meeting Time: Thursday, Feb. 13, at 3 pm on MS Teams

This project focuses on supplies women/girls/those who menstruate as well as shelters/centers with products necessary to make it through that critical time of the month. Period products can be expensive and some people have a hard time affording necessities as well as pain relievers. Project purchases, assembles, and distributes these products to those without.

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