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Service Living Learning Community Syllabus 2022-2023

LOCATION: East Building C First Floor, East Residential Neighborhood

DESCRIPTION

The Service LLC is for incoming first-year students interested in integrating into campus life through a community Service lens. The Service LLC introduces students to Elon by providing opportunities to volunteer with campus and community organizations, while providing a foundation for social justice education through discussion of important local issues. The Service LLC provides an opportunity to become familiar with the local community outside of the Elon bubble, and offers a residential opportunity to live alongside other students who are passionate about service and want to be engaged on campus.

Since the Service LLC consists of entirely first-year students, much emphasis is placed on supporting floor members in their transition to Elon's campus. Students living in the Service LLC take their COR 110: The Global Experience course together during their first semester in order to have a shared academic experience. Additionally, three student leaders who previously lived on the Service LLC floor organize service projects and social activities on and off campus, and provide mentorship and guidance throughout the school year.

Members of the Service LLC deepen their service commitments in the spring as they delve into a long-term Service experience with a local organization of their choosing. Some Service LLC members choose to pursue their Service Experiential Learning (ELR) requirements as result of their participation in the Service LLC.

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LEARNING GOALS

Service LLC Goals

By participating in the Service LLC, students will:

- Create a strong community with a foundation of service to others
- Learn about the assets and needs of the Alamance County community through volunteering and community-engaged learning experiences
- Participate in Kernodle Center and Elon Volunteers! events and programs
- Connect learning in the classroom with their Service LLC experience
- Develop mentoring relationships with staff, faculty, and students associated with the Kernodle Center and the East Neighborhood.
- Learn about how service can enhance your experience as an Elon student.

Residence Life LLC Goals

- Living Learning Communities provide students with a sense of belonging in a community of their peers united by a common interest.
- LLCs support students' intellectual, personal, and social growth by providing them with opportunities to learn in a collaborative, engaging environment that integrates their academic, social, and residential experiences.
- Living Learning Communities challenge students to apply their skills/knowledge through experiences, reflection and synthesis outside the classroom. Examples of this include intellectual discussions, trips, projects, speakers and events.
- Living Learning Communities provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and peers to mentor other students outside of the classroom, allowing them to serve as thought partners and advocates in LLC students' academic and co-curricular journeys.

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REQUIREMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

FALL SEMESTER

As a member of the Service LLC, it is an expectation that you actively participate in service opportunities and floor meetings. Service experiences are at the core of the LLC experience and provide great opportunities to get to know the area, its needs, and work with campus and community organizations to make a positive impact.

Floor members are expected to participate in six service experiences during the fall semester. These are opportunities organized by the Service LLC student leadership team and transportation is provided. More information about when service opportunities occur in the fall semester will be provided during the early part of fall semester.

The Service LLC student leadership team organizes **bi-monthly gatherings** that will be held on a consistent schedule throughout the fall semester determined by the availability of leaders and floor members early on during the fall semester. Typically, one of these gatherings will be a meeting to chat through logistics and upcoming events for the month. The meetings provide an opportunity to connect with student leaders, other floor members, and to discuss relevant social issues related to service opportunities and current events. The second gathering will be a social event that may involve a shared meal or fun activity on or off-campus.

The Service LLC student leadership team will also organize optional informal opportunities for the floor throughout the year including things like having coffee or lunches together, attending campus events and speakers together, movie nights, game nights, social events with other LLC's, mentor opportunities with residents of the Service LLC from previous years, and East Neighborhood events.

Kernodle Center, East Neighborhood, and Campus-Wide Events

The Kernodle Center hosts a number of events throughout the year. As a service-themed LLC, members are encouraged to explore some of these events throughout the year. The Kernodle Center advises **Elon Volunteers! (EV!)** which is the largest student-run service organization at Elon. There are many ways to get involved with the local community through EV!, which the Center will keep you posted on. **We ask that each member of the Service LLC attend at least 1 service opportunity or event organized by the Kernodle Center in the fall** (the Service LLC advisor will share the Kernodle Center event calendar at the start of the semester).

Additionally, floor members are encouraged to attend East Neighborhood and campus-wide events and programs in order to connect further with the Elon community. **We ask that each**

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member of the Service LLC attend at least 2 events sponsored by the East Neighborhood in the fall (see East calendar below).

SPRING SEMESTER

During the spring, floor members select one local organization of their choosing to volunteer with throughout the duration (20 hours) of the semester. This provides an opportunity to explore a passion area more deeply, while making a positive ongoing impact with one particular organization. Typically, Service LLC members volunteer with one of the organizations they served with during the fall semester. The Service LLC student leadership team will chat through opportunities and help match floor members with their interest for a spring service around the end of fall semester. We encourage LLC members to consider serving in small teams with fellow floor members who share similar interests at the same site. The Service LLC leadership team will act as mentors for the teams that go out and volunteer in the spring.

The Service LLC leadership team will continue to organize monthly floor meetings and fun social activities in the spring as well.

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We ask that each member of the Service LLC attend at least 2 events sponsored by the East Neighborhood in the fall (see East calendar below).

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CALENDAR*

- Monthly meetings and gatherings will be scheduled early on during the fall and spring semester based on the availability of the Service LLC leadership team and floor members.
- *Coffees with LLC leaders and staff – smaller groups to chat informally to get to know each other and coffee is on us at Argo/Irazu/Acorn/Oak House.*
- ** indicates that events can be subject to be adjusted*

DATE	EVENT	TIME AND LOCATION
Tuesday, August 24th	LLC Kick-Off	5:30p.m.-6:30p.m., in-person
TBD	Service LLC Day Retreat	TBD
September 3 rd	Service Experience #1: Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event	Alumni Gym; 9:30am – 12:00pm
September 13 th	Coffee and Donuts	9:45 a.m., Intro to the space + check in @ Kernodle Center
September 23 rd	Social Activity: Phoenix 4 th Friday	5:30 p.m. - 10p.m., Downtown Burlington
September 24 th	Service Experience #2: Burlington Animal Shelter	10:00 a.m. Burlington Animal Shelter
October 7 th	Service Experience #3: Special Fridays	6:00 p.m., Elon Community Church
October 23 rd	Service Experience #4: Peacehaven Farms	2-6pm, Peacehaven Farms
Oct 28 th	Social Activity: East Trick or Treat	7pm, East Neighborhood
November 4th	Service Experience #4: Special Friday	Elon Community Church 6:30-8:30pm
November 7-11	Service Experience #6: Hunger and Homelessness Week	Multiple opportunities – on campus
November 5th	Social Activity: Homecoming Football game	2:00 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
SPRING TERM		
January TBD	J-term Lunch	TBD
February TBD	Social Activity	TBD
March TBD	Social Activity	TBD
April TBD	Social Activity	TBD
April TBD	LLC End of year Reception	TBD
May TBD	End of Year Celebration Event	TBD

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*Note: Be sure to keep an eye out for other events from the East Neighborhood (see calendar below), as well as Elon’s Cultural Calendar for other campus events happening throughout the year.

East Neighborhood Calendar

* Subject to be adjusted

Date	Time	Location	Event Name
AUGUST			
19 - Aug	8 AM	Everywhere	MOVE IN
20 - Aug			New Student Convocation; College Coffee
21 - Aug		Rhodes Stadium	Tailgate Phoenix Soccer – Pep Rally
21 - Aug		East Quad	Late Night in the Neighborhood
23 - Aug	8-9 PM	Common Spaces	Donut Stress
25 - Aug	4-6 PM	Young Commons	Fall Org. Fair
28 - Aug	4-7 PM	Intersection	Neighborhood BBQ
SEPTEMBER			
1 - Sept	6-7 PM	Intersection	Grow where you are planted
5- Sept	5:30 PM		Overnight Oats
13 - Sept	8-9 PM	Intersection	S’mores Outdoors
19 - Sept (?)	6:30 PM	East Building (?)	Chef – Off
	12:30-		
TBD	1:30 Pm	Leadership Lunch	
OCTOBER			
Fall Break (Oct 12 – 16)			
19 - Oct	7-9 PM		Neighborhood Dinner
22 - Oct	TBD		Get On the Bus/Service Saturday
25 - Oct	6 PM	East Neighborhood	The Chef – Off: Round 2
23-27 - Oct		East Neighborhood	Door Decoration Competition
28 - Oct		East Neighborhood	East Trick or Treat
NOVEMBER			
8 - Nov	5 PM	Intersection	Neighborhood Association Meeting
11 - Nov	6- 7 P		S’more Outdoors
	12:30-1	McEwen	
12 - Nov	PM		Leadership Lunch
12 - Nov	TBD		Get On the Bus/Service Saturday

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16 – Nov	4-6:30 PM	TBD	f-EAST-giving
29 – Nov – 3 – Dec.	All Day	East Neighborhood	Clothing Drive for Allied Churches
Thanksgiving Break			
DECEMBER			
29 – Nov - 3 – Dec	All Day	East Neighborhood	Clothing Drive for Allied Churches
6 - Dec	7 PM	Intersection	Hot Chocolate
JANUARY			
10 – Jan	8 PM	LaRose Student Commons	Open Mic Night
FEBRUARY			
1 – Feb	6-7 PM	Intersection	Grow where you are planted
8 – Feb	5:30 – 6:30 PM	LaRose Student Commons	Soup & Society
TBD 20 – Feb	TBD 6 PM	TBD Intersection	Black History Month Trivia with Oaks, CREDE, and SUB S’mores Outdoors
MARCH			
1 – Mar			Round the World in East
8 - Mar	12:30 PM	Intersection	Destress with desserts
Spring Break (Mar 10 – 20)			
MARCH			
22 – Mar	7 PM	TBD	Neighborhood Dinner

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25 – Mar	TBD	TBD	Service Saturday
APRIL			
3 – Apr 11 – Apr	6 PM 6 PM	LaRose Student Commons Under Patio	Soup & Society S’mores outdoors
12 - Apr 22 – Apr	12:30 PM TBD	McEwen TBD	Leadership lunch Service Saturday
MAY			
4 – May 10 – May	3:30-5:30 PM 2-5 PM	Intersection LaRose Students Commons	School Socks Study Jam with Historic

Service Living Learning Community Resident Expectations Agreement 2021-2022

As a member of the Service Living Learning community, I agree to:

- Attend fall service experiences organized by the Service LLC
- Attend monthly meetings organized by the Service LLC
- Make an effort to attend social activities organized by Service LLC throughout the year
- Attend 1 event or service opportunity organized by Kernodle Center each semester
- Attend 2 events each semester organized by the East Neighborhood
- Complete 20 hours of Service at one community organization during the spring semester
- Be an engaged participant in Service LLC required events
- Communicate with the Service LLC student leadership team if I am unable to attend required events or meetings due to academic or other conflicts
- Be respectful and considerate of my fellow LLC members, the Service LLC Leaders, members of the Elon community, and all persons involved with our community partners
- Be a good representative of the Service LLC to the greater Elon/Burlington community

I agree to fulfill the duties required of me as a member of the Service LLC to the best of my abilities. In the event that I neglect or am no longer able to fulfill my responsibilities, I understand that the Service LLC advisor has the right to remove me from the community. Prior to removal, I understand that I will have at least one meeting with Service LLC leaders and one meeting with the advisor(s) and have the opportunity to improve my behavior.

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By signing below, I agree to abide by all Kernodle Center, Residence Life, and Elon University policies and to maintain good disciplinary standing with Elon University for the duration of my time in the Service LLC.

Printed Name

Signature

Date