UNF Cares Courses  
Spring 2018

12726 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Affordable Housing  
Heather Burk, Justin Sipes
Help build homes. Students will engage in meaningful service projects with Habijax (Habitat for Humanity) to meet community needs. Weekly discussions will focus on the complexity of access to clean, safe, and affordable housing; students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students. You told us you cared: when we asked you what issues you cared about, the Freshman class ranked this in the Top 10 during the community engagement session of Orientation.

12727 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Global Awareness  
Suzanne Ehrlich
Are you curious about the world? Do you want to meet people from other countries? Students will engage in meaningful service projects with Global Jax or Lutheran Social Services such as helping plan for visits by distinguished international visitors or engaging in outreach activities to support locally rooted global community members. Weekly discussions will focus on increasing global awareness and considering what citizenship means; students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students.

12728 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Access to the Stars  
John Hewitt
Did the eclipse excite you? Then this is the course for you. Students will learn to use and work with telescopes, developing the capacity to show kids and families the stars. Students will host several free “pop-up” astronomy nights at local libraries or K-12 schools, providing access in public spaces for community members to learn about and see the stars and planets. Weekly discussions will focus on issues of under-representation in some communities to science; students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students.

12729 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Environmental Issues  
Jennifer Lieberman
Learn how to garden. Help kids! Students will work with Eastside Environmental Council to help middle school students grow their own vegetables and understand the importance of fresh food. Weekly discussions will consider how environmental issues affect the most vulnerable citizens. Students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students.

12730 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Refugee Issues  
Leslie Kaplan
Students who have had this experience with this professor say they loved it and gained much more than they got by spending time helping refugees. You know this is an important issue; see the experience from the perspective of a teen refugee or family as you do service with Catholic Charities, World Relief, or Lutheran Social Services. You volunteer as a tutor Friday afternoons for 10 weeks. Weekly discussions will focus on refugee and immigration transition issues; students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students.

12731 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Healthy People 2020  
Connie Roush, Linda Connelly
Help people improve their health. Nursing faculty guide students to several different opportunities from food pantry work, to providing basic nutrition information, to helping kids with homework or working with the Red Cross on home safety education preparing for disasters. Weekly discussions will center on the science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health of all Americans. Also, students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students.

12732 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Leadership Mentoring  
Matthew Ohlson
Want to develop leadership skills? Take this course. Students will mentor teens in area schools. Based on Stephen Covey’s 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, you will develop leadership skills while helping kids in grades 4-9. Help make
a difference in a teen’s life. Students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students. You told us you cared: when we asked you what issues you cared about, the Freshman class ranked this in the Top 10 during the community engagement session of Orientation.

**12733 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: The Ability Spectrum**

Students will engage in meaningful service with Angelwood, a center for adults with developmental disabilities. Work with those with autism, cerebral palsy or Down syndrome and help plan and implement a project. Weekly discussions will center on considering the contribution of children and adults with disabilities to our society, including hearing from panels. Also, students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This special topics Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students.

**12734 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Crime Prevention**

Students will engage in meaningful service with agencies that support a successful transition of individuals from jail to the community, working with the agencies, not their clients. Create a fundraising or advocacy project (a website or video, etc.). Weekly discussions will consider the complexities of this transition. Also, students will explore their strengths to see how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students. You told us you cared: when we asked you what issues you cared about, the Freshman class ranked this in the Top 10 during the community engagement session of Orientation.

**12735 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Mental Illness in Society**

Students will engage in meaningful service with the Community Rehabilitation Center. You might help serve meals, assist with social and educational group activities for clients or support outreach efforts. Weekly discussions will center on the challenges for individuals, the impact on families and the cost to society when needs go unmet. Also, students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students. You told us you cared: when we asked you what issues you cared about, the Freshman class ranked this in the Top 10 during the community engagement session of Orientation.

**12736 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Early Childhood Mentoring**

Like having fun with kids? This is the course for you. Students will mentor children. You will help create activities that promote positive youth development—you help decide whether to do Science experiments or plant a garden, work on literacy or the arts. Weekly discussions will reveal the complexities of the challenges these kids face. Also, students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students. You told us you cared: when we asked you what issues you cared about, the Freshman class ranked this in the Top 10 during the community engagement session of Orientation.

**12737 SLS2999 1 UNF Cares: Homelessness**

Did you know that women are the fastest growing group of homeless in Jacksonville? Do you know how many are Veterans? Learn more that will surprise you as you engage in meaningful service with two remarkable local agencies: the Sulzbacher Center and/or the Clara White Mission, founded by a former slave whose compassion moved her to action. Volunteers have been keeping her commitment alive ever since: join them in participating in the Annual Homeless Census, serving meals or supporting outreach. Weekly discussions will explore the challenges to eliminating homelessness. Students will explore their individual strengths while considering how they can have a positive impact in the world. This Community-Based Transformational Learning course is intentionally designed for and limited to First Time in College (FTIC) students.