

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: MAXIMIZE LEARNING



1 **KNOW THE "WHY"**

Make sure you understand the purpose of the community engagement or service activity: how it connects to course learning.



2 **KNOW THE "HOW"**

Make sure you know any expectations for hours, type of projects/activities, how you will be graded. Make sure you know the expected process for finding an organization to work with and logging

hours if needed.



3 **KNOW THE "WHO"**

Do some research about the communities and organizations you will be working with. Get to know who they are and how they go about their work. Make sure you know the process for signing up with the organization.



4 **KNOW THE "WHAT"**

Know what you are being asked to do and learn. Pay attention to what is happening around you. Learning happens both through what you do and what you observe. Ask questions if you are not sure about a situation.



5 **KNOW THE PROCESS**

Critical reflection is a common learning tool and assignment in community engagement/service learning courses. You may be asked to:

- connect community activities with course learning
- analyze root causes of situations
- think about public values & policies
- explore possibilities for community change