

**Emerging Leaders Seminar
Fall 2015
Moravian College
Center for Civic Engagement**

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Meeting time: Thursdays 2:35-3:45
Office hours: M 10-11; T 10-12; R 11-12
Additional times...we can schedule an appt!

Course Objective: The purpose of this course is for Emerging Leader Scholarship recipients to come together with a faculty facilitator to learn leadership themes, create opportunities to lead and have an impact, and find their place in the College community as aspiring leaders on campus and beyond.

Service Projects: Hunger and Homelessness Week, Food Day Celebration, and possibly another student-organized event.

We will meet together on a weekly basis and there will be additional times outside of our regular time that we will all meet together or student sub-groups will meet together. The semester will consist of in-class discussions, thoughtful writing projects, planning and organizational activities, and exploration of students' purpose and identity.

Readings: Handouts provided by the instructor throughout the semester.

Course Requirements:

Attendance and preparedness for class	10%
Reflection papers	20%
Service project reflection	
4 others on various topics	
Project building for service work	20%
(group feedback will help determine grades)	
Project completion for service work	20%
(group feedback will help determine grades)	
Initiative and engagement	15%
Meeting with mentor	
Reading community grants applications	
Creating Reel Leadership events	
How well have you fulfilled your role as an EL Scholarship recipient?	
Two activities from "Menu of Options" below	15%
(attend and write 1-page reaction paper)	

Menu of Options:

- Hunger Banquet (if that is your project *responsibility*, you cannot “double dip”)
- Food Day activities or other designated event (if that is your project *responsibility*, you cannot “double dip”)
- Habitat for Humanity Community Build (October 23)
- Other events TBD by the Center for Civic Engagement

Upperclass Mentors:

Gina Innamorato (EL 2014)
Angela Kilburg (EL 2014)
Kirsten Leo (EL 2014)
Christina Marinaro (EL 2013)
Eileen McMenamin (EL 2014)
Dana Sencindiver (EL 2013)
Erin Tiwold (EL 2013)

Grading:

The grading for this course is purposefully flexible and unique! Each student will complete self-evaluations throughout the semester and be involved in determining various grades. As emerging leaders, students should be motivated, have the ability to take initiative, be active and engaging participants in our class meetings, and be able to create interesting initiatives that will build our service activities at Moravian College. Students will also be expected to participate in planning sessions with classmates and our student advisor/coordinator throughout the semester. Given the group of students who were hand selected for this course and for the corresponding projects of the semester, I do not anticipate that the grading will be a problem!

Academic Support Center

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact the Academic Support Center, located on the first floor of Monocacy Hall (extension 1401). Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center.

Course Policies:

- Attend our class meetings one time per week (failure to do so will affect the student’s final grade)
- Treat each other with respect.
- If you do not follow through on something that you committed to, you will need to speak with me and we will discuss consequences in terms of the grade for the course (e.g., Hunger and Homelessness Event or other service event).
- Reflection papers will be graded on a scale of 1-10. Late reflection papers will not be accepted—“computer crashed,” “no paper in the printer,” “it’s in my room and I can go get it” and anything else you can dream up are not acceptable excuses. They are due at the start of class on the stated due date.

- Be engaged!
- Failure to complete this course satisfactorily may result in a loss of your EL Scholarship; situations will be reviewed on an individual basis in cooperation with the Dean's Office, the Admissions Office, and others involved with the Center for Civic Engagement.

Tentative Schedule:

Note: This schedule provides a rough list of reading/discussion days, workshop/planning days, and paper due dates. As we figure out our plans for our service projects, we may need to make adjustments. The semester will be a continual work in progress!

September 3	Welcome/Introductions/Syllabus review/Mentors Dates for lunch in the Cafeteria and Social <i>Adjectives Assignment</i> (Reflection Paper Due next week)
September 10	Leadership Reading and Discussion <i>Reflection Paper 1 Due</i>
September 17	Service Project Discussion <i>Hunger & Homelessness Week</i> <i>Food Day</i> and Sustainability (?) Other?
September 24	Creating our Teams and discussing team roles <i>Important qualities of teams (discussion)</i> <i>Nouns assignment</i> (Reflection Paper Due Next Week)
Internship/Volunteer Fair September 29	
October 1	Team ideas (teams should have met outside of class since last week). Each team should bring in a list of proposed ideas/activities. Think about what is possible or not... <i>Reflection Paper 2 Due</i>
October 8	In-class group work...firming up ideas and figuring out how to implement <i>Successful implementation ideas (discussion)</i>
October 15	FALL BREAK: Enjoy!
October 22	Finalizing Food Day/Week, continued work on HHW, other project?
Habitat Build October 23 (October Food Day date TBD)	
October 29	Debriefing: What works and what doesn't work...Lessons learned Reflection paper due for those involved in FD.

November 5	Amy Saul, Career Center
November 12	Looking ahead...plans...goals...involvement... <i>Reflection Paper 4 Due</i>
(November Hunger Banquet date TBD)	
November 19	Hunger and Homelessness Week: Debriefing on Banquet and Discussion
November 26	Thanksgiving
December 3	Discussion, wrap up, etc. <i>Reflection Paper 3 Due: Lessons learned about yourself (further description to be given)</i> Reflection paper due for those involved in HHW and Hunger Banquet
Another week?	Celebration of the first semester coming to an end!