

RUBRIC TO ASSESS ACADEMIC SERVICE-LEARNING REFLECTION PAPERS
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Graded	Dimensions of Quality (Criteria)	NOVICE [Grade Range F – D]	APPRENTICE [Grade Range C]	PROFICIENT [Grade Range B]	DISTINGUISHED [Grade Range A]
Yes	AWARENESS OF PURPOSE OF SERVICE	Student demonstrates limited awareness of the purpose of service and obtaining AS-L credit.	Student expresses awareness of the purpose of service and a one-on-one connection with the experience, but it is not applied.	Student expresses empathy and/or awareness of personal role in service and applies it to a connection with solutions and the bigger picture.	Student expresses and acts out personal role in service and applies the experience to developing solutions.
Yes	CRITICAL THINKING	Student accepts things at face value, as if all opinions were created equal. Opinions are stated without argument.	Student accepts most things at face value, as if most opinions were created equal. Opinions are stated with limited argument.	Student begins to argue for conclusions based on objective evidence that express concrete arguments.	Student expresses an abstract level of responding which requires objective evidence. They demonstrate awareness of different perspectives, and weigh evidence to successfully argue for a conclusion/opinion.
Yes	APPLYING THE AS-L EXPERIENCE TO THE ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE BASE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE	Student does not apply the academic knowledge base and objectives of the course to the service experience.	Student expresses some connection between the academic knowledge base and objectives of the course and the service experience.	Student develops a perspective built upon the academic knowledge base and objectives of the course that is linked to the service experience.	Student creates their own academic perspective infused with the knowledge base and objectives of the course and applies it to the service experience beyond the curriculum.
Optional	RESPONSIBILITY TO COMMUNITY	Student demonstrates a limited awareness of personal responsibility to community.	Student expresses insight into community issues pertinent to the service project and integrates a personal sense of responsibility to participating in a solution but does not apply that knowledge.	Student acknowledges a responsibility to community regarding issues pertinent to the service and expresses a commitment to working towards specific solution(s).	Student acknowledges a responsibility to community regarding issues pertinent to the service and expresses a commitment to working towards specific solutions. In addition, student gets others involved.
Optional	IMPACT ON STUDENT'S PERSONAL LIFE	Student expresses very limited or no connection between service and self.	Student expresses a connection between service and self.	Student expresses how they could change as a result of the service.	Student expresses change(s) in self because of the service.
	[INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND MISSION]	Student demonstrates a limited connectedness of the service experience to [institutional values]	Student expresses some connection between [institutional] values and service.	Student expresses empathy and awareness of personal role in [public engagement and problem-solving as related to institutional mission].	Student fully incorporates the [institution's mission of public leadership] through application of reflection on the service experience and creates their own perspective based on both theory and experience