

Service Learning and Undergraduate Research

Office of Service Learning and Undergraduate Research

As a UAB student, you can explore and pursue your interests through service learning and research opportunities. Service - both local and global - and the pursuit of knowledge through research, scholarship, and creative activities are vital and core to UAB's mission. Service learning and research opportunities are available to all students who want to engage with today's pressing issues and problems. UAB's Office of Service Learning and Undergraduate Research works to bring students, faculty members, and community partners together to advance student learning and provide community benefit through for-credit academic courses and non-credit campus and experiential opportunities in all disciplines across campus.

Service Learning

UAB is fortunate to be situated in the heart of a vibrant urban community with a large number of passionate and highly effective nonprofit organizations. The directors and staffers of these organizations – working to reduce systemic poverty, advocate for clean air and water, or increase access to healthcare, among many other issues - collaborate with UAB's faculty members and students in academic service learning courses. Service with a local or global community partner is integrated into these courses to enhance student learning of course content, to provide community benefit, and to produce participatory citizens. You also gain real-life, hands-on experience that enables you to be a top-notch candidate in job and graduate school interviews.

The Office of Service Learning and Undergraduate Research helps students find service learning courses and meaningful long-term community service experiences. In addition, it advises and supports faculty members and community partners who are providing experiences that integrate academic learning and civic engagement.

Service Learning Courses

The list of service learning courses grows and changes each semester as UAB faculty are continually developing new courses and integrating service learning into existing courses. Eligibility to participate in a service learning course depends on the particular course requirements as established by the department and professor.

For the most up-to-date list of service-learning courses available, perform an Advanced Search in the UAB Class Schedule, and select "Service Learning" in the attribute box.

For details on international service learning opportunities, see www.uab.edu/educationabroad.

For More Information on Service Learning:

- www.uab.edu/service-research/
- www.facebook.com/UABServiceLearning
- Twitter: @UABServeLearn

Undergraduate Research

As one of the 108 institutions in the nation currently classified as a "Very High Research University" by the [Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education](#), UAB attracts students, faculty, and staff from all over the world to engage in groundbreaking, innovative research across the disciplines. As an undergraduate student, you have the opportunity to participate in research, investigation, performance, scholarship, or creative activities in collaboration with a mentor to enhance and illuminate your learning.

The Office of Service Learning and Undergraduate Research helps students engage in research, scholarship, and creative activities in collaboration with a faculty mentor via an academic course or through an independent project. The office also provides opportunities for students to showcase their scholarship through the Spring, Summer, and Fall Expo events. In addition, it provides programming and workshops to students and faculty members to advance, facilitate and promote undergraduate research.

Undergraduate Research Courses

Eligibility to participate in a research-designated course depends on the particular course requirements as established by the department and professor. The list of undergraduate research courses grows and changes each semester.

For the most up-to-date list of research courses available, perform an Advanced Search in the UAB Class Schedule, and select "Undergraduate Research" in the attribute box.

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