

2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UNO



The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) transforms and improves the quality of life locally, nationally, and globally. Community engagement is central to UNO's mission and strategic plan.

677 *Classes with a community-engagement component including service learning, practicums, internships, student teaching, among others.*

600+ *Community organizations partner with UNO in a variety of focus areas.*

238 *Service Learning Courses*¹

Students who enroll in a UNO service learning class have a 10% higher student success (retention and graduation) rate.²

The UNO Service Learning Academy's 2019-20 report indicated that 89% UNO students developed their public speaking skills, and 99% developed teamwork, problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, and leadership skills.³

301,428
Hours of service students donated to a wide range of community projects.

6,498 *Unique students participating in courses with a community engagement component.*

6,703 *Unique students participating in academic and co-curricular engagement.*

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2019-20 Office of Academic Affairs Community Engagement Metrics Legislative Relations Report, April 2021. For questions, please contact Keristiena Dodge at kshenouda@unomaha.edu.

¹ 202 non-cross listed service learning courses

² 2019-20 UNO Service Learning Academy Annual Report.

³ Ahmed, S., Reiter-Palmon, R., & Kramer, W. (2020, May). *Academic Year 2019-2020, Report: Impact of Service Learning on University, Secondary, and Elementary Students*. Omaha, NE.



BARBARA WEITZ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER (CEC)

{ CEC.UNOMAHA.EDU }

The CEC is a manifestation of UNO's tradition of engagement with urban, regional, national, and global communities. The CEC enhances opportunities for the university and community for mutually beneficial projects that support research, teaching, learning. The CEC is home to major outreach programs: the UNO Service Learning Academy and the Service Leadership and Innovation Collaborative.

65 Building Partners

UNO and community building partner organizations housed in the CEC since April 2014.

\$2.9 Million

The estimated value of contributed space and IT services saved by organizations using CEC spaces for workshops, training, conferences, dialogues, and other meetings, special, and public events (2019-20).

3,500+ Events

The number of events hosted in the CEC by the community and university for the public good (2019-20).

40,000+ People

The estimated attendance of community and university meetings and events hosted in the CEC (2019-20).

SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMY (SLA)

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The Service Learning Academy works to support UNO faculty members to develop service learning courses in collaboration with community organizations, governmental agencies, businesses, and P-12 faculty. Projects are implemented that serve the community and create valuable learning experiences for UNO students. Students' learning goes beyond the classroom as they apply their knowledge to real-life situations and build workforce skills as community-engaged future professionals.

TYPES OF SERVICE LEARNING:

P-16 Initiative: P-16 initiative projects include a UNO course, community partner, and a P-12 school.

Traditional: Includes or involves a UNO course and a community partner.

Maverick Philanthropy Initiative: Service learning courses that teach philanthropic giving of time, talents, or treasure.

6 School Districts

The number of unique school districts working with SLA to create a pipeline that engages P-12 and UNO students meaningfully in the community (2019-20).

343 Students

The number of UNO students engaged with the Maverick Philanthropy Initiative (2019-20).

\$17,000 Invested

The total amount invested in community nonprofit organizations through the Maverick Philanthropy Initiative courses (2019-20).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (CEPI)

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The University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) values its reciprocal and mutually-beneficial relationship with its community partners. The Community Engagement Partnership Initiative (CEPI) is a UNO tool that collects and showcases projects and partnerships between our campus and the community. The initial data entered into CEPI only reflects UNO's signature outreach programs and does not represent a comprehensive list of projects and partnerships at this time.

CEPI features a Legislative Districts Map. This map provides a geographic understanding of the distribution of community partners based on Nebraska legislative districts. **For questions about CEPI, contact Keristiena Dodge at kshenouda@unomaha.edu.**