

Plus One

The BU250 Community-Based Practicum

The Plus One, cataloged as BU250, is a new course that allows a student to add one credit of experiential learning to a class that explores a community topic or social issue. The student chooses a nonprofit organization to partner with and completes a project that will apply what they are learning in the classroom to a real-world experience through 30 hours of volunteer work. The course, BU250, is open to any student from any major with approval from the faculty member of the complementary three-credit hour course. Students who enroll in the Plus One will also complete the Learn to Serve orientation modules and 4 reflections about their experience.

TO REGISTER FOR BU250:

1. Log into Handshake.
2. Click “Career Center” drop down menu in the top navigation bar.
3. Select “Experiences.”
4. Click “Request an Experience” in the top right-hand corner.
5. Under the “Experience Type” drop down menu, click “BU250 Community-based Practicum.”
6. Select the term in which you will register the practicum experience.
7. You only need to fill out the required fields and your employer is the community organization partner. Your faculty sponsor will be the faculty member who is teaching your complimentary course (you’ll want to make sure they have approved supervising your practicum first). Your employer supervisor is the community organization contact who will approve your hours.
8. Once your proposal is submitted, the Center for Community Engagement will push it through Handshake for approvals and the Registrar will add it to your schedule for the upcoming semester.

SERVE

Complete 30 hours of service with a pre-approved nonprofit or government organization and earn 1 experiential learning credit.

ACCESS

If a student has a financial barrier to participating in community engagement, the Center for Community Engagement may be able to help. Students can request \$9/hr for curricular community engagement when they register the experience as a BU250 for credit. To request funding support, [submit the application](#) by the deadline to drop/add a course. Funding is not guaranteed.

For more information about the Plus One course or other community engagement opportunities, contact us at CommunityEngagement@bellarmine.edu.

