



Course Outline

Course Title: Community Service & Sustainability

Course Number: 11000108

Prerequisite (s): None

Course Type: Compulsory

Credit Hours: 1

Instructor Information

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Course Description and Objectives

This compulsory *Community Service & Sustainability Course* for all An-Najah National University students aims to develop students' skills, knowledge, and sense of responsibility towards their community by engaging in volunteerism and sustainable development initiatives. The course emphasizes:

1. **Skill Development:** Enabling students to work effectively within community institutions, particularly serving marginalized groups such as the elderly, low-income families, and children with special needs.
2. **Promotion of Voluntary Work:** Encouraging the creation and participation in youth-led voluntary initiatives, while offering opportunities through university-supervised programs.
3. **Introduction to Sustainable Development:** Educating students on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and organizing activities that contribute to achieving these global objectives, particularly in areas like poverty reduction, quality education, environmental sustainability, and social justice.
4. **Empowerment of Youth:** Expanding students' capacity to contribute to the community by fostering leadership, civic responsibility, and active participation in solving public issues, respecting governance, and promoting good citizenship.



Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will:

- **Understand Community Needs:** Develop a comprehensive understanding of the assets, challenges, and needs of the community, aligning their service with sustainable development goals.
- **Foster Civic Responsibility:** Enhance their sense of duty towards societal improvement and community engagement.
- **Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving:** Strengthen their ability to reflect on social challenges, applying problem-solving techniques to address real-world issues.
- **Develop Leadership Skills:** Cultivate leadership abilities essential for organizing and leading volunteer initiatives that contribute to the community and sustainability efforts.
- **Advocacy Skills:** Learn how to advocate for sustainable practices, social justice, and community development both locally and globally.

Course Structure and Content

Week-by-Week Schedule

1. Introduction to Community Service and Course Objectives

Overview of the course and its objectives, with an emphasis on community service as a foundation for sustainable development.

2. University Overview and Its Commitment to Sustainability

Presenting the role of An-Najah National University in community engagement and its integration of sustainable practices.

3. Introduction to the Community Service Center

Explaining the center's role in fostering partnerships between the university, local community institutions, and sustainability efforts.

4. Introduction to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

A comprehensive overview of the SDGs, their global significance, and how the university integrates them into academic and extracurricular activities.

5. University's Role in Achieving the SDGs

Exploring specific initiatives, projects, and partnerships that demonstrate An-Najah's contribution to the SDGs, including programs focused on environmental conservation, education for all, and poverty reduction.

6. Volunteering Programs in Local Community Institutions

Introduction to available volunteer programs, highlighting how students' participation contributes to both community welfare and sustainable development.



Assessment and Evaluation

Students are required to engage in practical community service activities for a total of 50 hours, distributed across various initiatives that align with the SDGs, including:

- **Blood Donation (10 hours):** Raising awareness about health and well-being, contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being).
- **Orphan Sponsorship (20 hours):** Addressing inequalities and supporting vulnerable populations, contributing to SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality).
- **Philanthropic Forum (50 hours):** Promoting charitable initiatives, fostering community solidarity, and contributing to SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).
- **Supportive Education (20-30 hours):** Volunteering in educational programs for underprivileged children, contributing to SDG 4 (Quality Education).
- **Volunteering with Governmental and Non-Profit Organizations (20-30 hours):** Participating in initiatives that support environmental, social, and governance (ESG) goals.
- **Field Work (10 hours):** Hands-on participation in community-based projects, such as environmental conservation efforts, contributing to SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 15 (Life on Land).