

National Assessment of Service and Community Engagement (NASCE)



What is the NASCE?

The NASCE instrument asks students about their participation in community service across 9 areas of human need.

- Civic Participation/Promoting public awareness (e.g. voter awareness, human rights, refugees & immigration, public safety)
- Economic Opportunity, Access, and Development (e.g., tax assistance, job training, fair trade)
- Environmental (e.g. local clean-up, environmental advocacy)
- Working to promote Health or Fitness (e.g. donating blood, visiting the sick, raising money to combat a disease)
- Youth (e.g. tutoring, coaching, working on a toy drive)
- Addressing Homelessness or Housing (e.g. Habitat for Humanity, Affordable Housing)
- Elder Care (e.g. adopt a grandparent, nursing home)
- Addressing Hunger or Nutrition issues (e.g. soup kitchen, food drive)
- Religious or Spiritual service (e.g. teaching a Sunday School class, mission work)

When is the NASCE?

The survey launches at OU on **October 8th** and is open until **October 19th**.

Why should students take the NASCE?

Any activity, including internships and work study, in which you participate with the goal of providing, generating and/or sustaining help for individuals and groups who have unmet human needs in areas like shelter, health, nutrition, education, and opportunity are measured in the NASCE.

Even if the student does not participate in any activities, they should be encouraged to take the survey to identify missed opportunities to engage students in service learning.

Why should faculty encourage students to take the NASCE?

Students are often involved in activities considered to be service learning as part of their coursework. By having your students complete the NASCE, your role involving students in real-world settings in the surrounding community is recorded! Service learning activities, no matter how small or large, have been consistently linked to student retention.

Previous student surveys have had dimly low response rates. The importance of this survey is to monitor student service learning activity and to identify where students are getting experiences in the classroom as part of their curriculum.

How can I learn more about the NASCE?

<https://scri.siena.edu/nasce/>