

## Office of Service-Learning Dr. Rory L. Bedford, Director

## The Grambling State University Service-Learning Requirement:

- Students who enrolled in Grambling State University Fall 2008 and beyond are required to complete at least 160 hours of service-learning activities. Eighty (80) hours through "pure" service-learning activities and eighty (80) hours can be achieved through approved civic engagement activities or community service projects.
- Service-learning courses and projects should be approved by the Office of Service-Learning prior to the beginning of the activity. Fill out and return the appropriate release forms prior to beginning of the project. Forms are available in the Office of Service-Learning Charles P. Adams Hall (Room 117); Extension 2547; Email: <a href="mailto:bedfordr@gram.edu">bedfordr@gram.edu</a>
- Courses designated as service-learning courses: English 101 and 102; Mathematics 147 and 148; History 101 and 104; SOC 101; FYE 101 and 102; HON 110, and ED 111. Courses and projects must be approved each semester.
- In order to make sure that students have an opportunity to earn service-learning credit, departments should offer service-learning sources in addition to the courses listed above.
- The course syllabus should include a service-learning objective, with guidelines that indicate the application of skills and knowledge and a reflection exercise that is appropriate for the course.
- Academic advisors should make sure that students are aware of the number of service-learning hours needed in order to graduate and update them during advisement sessions.

## **Training Sessions:**

- Training sessions are available upon request. At least 2 group workshops are offered each semester to provide current information about service-learning. Individual workshops are conducted as needed.
- Sessions include: How to write Service-Learning Objectives; Assessing Service-Learning; Record Keeping; The Reflection Process; and others.
- The Director of Service-Learning will work with individual faculty and staff to assist upon request.

Please note: Students will not receive service-learning credit if the classes, along with the syllabi are not approved by the Office of Service-Learning.

Grambling State University is a 2009 recipient of The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction in the area of servicelearning and community service, as a result of the hard work and dedication the students, faculty, and staff. Grambling State University is one of 2 universities in Louisiana that received this honor. The other university is Tulane in New Orleans. Grambling State University also received Honor Roll recognition in 2011.

