UNIV 1840 – Learning Community Service Learning

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<u>Course Meetings:</u> There are no weekly meetings currently scheduled for this course. Students are encouraged to contact instructors via email with questions and concerns, or schedule in-person meetings with instructors if need be. Announcements for the course will be distributed via email.

Course Description:

As a member of the EcoHouse Learning Community, students are expected to participate in service-learning opportunities that are beneficial to the greater campus community, and which also aid students in understanding community needs.

Course Objectives:

- 1. Explore issues relevant to learning community themes- including but not limited to: sustainability, environmental issues, agriculture, and ecological issues.
- 2. Engage with the greater UConn community, and with those communities which UConn students serve.
- 3. Utilize reflection to aid in personal learning.

Course Requirements:

- 1. *Service* All students in UNIV 1840 are required to perform **32 hours of community service.** This service should be connected to the themes/nature of the learning community: sustainability, environmental issues, agriculture, ecological issues, etc. Students are allowed to use both **direct** and **indirect** service opportunities to fulfill these obligations.
- 2. Written Reflection All students in UNIV 1840 will have to complete a brief paper (max three pages) to document their service and reflect on their experiences. Assignment details and prompts for this reflection will be made available by 10/9/15.

Grading:

• UNIV 1840 is a satisfactory/unsatisfactory course. Students must complete the required community service hours and reflective writing assignment in order to receive "Satisfactory" grade in the course.

Course Policies

- At the beginning of the semester, students with disabilities who need special accommodations should notify the instructor by presenting a letter prepared by the Center for Students with Disabilities. More information can be found at http://www.csd.uconn.edu/
- Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since such dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. Please see the UCONN student code at http://www.dosa.uconn.edu/student_code.cfm?sm=yes&from=im&fn=Judicial.Affairs#appenda