

Learning in Community

student teams working on real projects with community partners

Spring 2010

ENG 298: 12:30–1:50 PM, TR, 3 credit hours

open to all students, all majors, all levels

Objectives As a result of this course you will improve your project skills and contribute to an important problem that benefits a nonprofit partner.

How this course works

Look through Partners and Projects options at the linc.illinois.edu website. Each section of this service-learning course is dedicated to a nonprofit organization that has proposed a project of importance to their organization. Choose a section based upon your interests and/or skills, and register for ENG 298.

During the first week of class you will meet a representative from your partner organization and begin the semester project. Throughout the semester we will explore topics that will assist you with the management and execution of your project. The semester concludes with a team presentation during the final exam period to community partners highlighting the accomplishments of the project, value added to the community organization, and lessons learned.

Course Topics

Understanding your partner
Defining the project goals
Envisioning excellence
Managing resources

Optimizing teamwork
Building networks
Acquiring expertise
Reflection for learning

Assessing outcomes
Communicating results
Relaying next steps

Questions

Contact Bruce Elliott-Litchfield, b-litch@illinois.edu or (217) 333-2280.

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Do you know of students who would be excellent project managers? Ask them to ...

apply to be a project manager

Each LINC project has a student Project Manager. You must apply, interview, and be selected for this responsibility. If chosen, you will be assigned a Partner and Project, and you will be registered for ENG 398, LINC – Applied Project Management.

As Project Manager you facilitate the regularly scheduled ENG 298 sessions for a project (TR, 12:30-1:50), you help with grading, and you attend a weekly session for Project Managers on Thursdays, 2:00-3:20. There is no salary, and you earn 3 credit hours via ENG 398.

Applicants must be graduate students, advanced undergraduates, or students with significant project management experience.

For equal consideration, apply by November 1, 2009 at linc.illinois.edu.

Information for staff and faculty. Are you interested in helping with LINC? Then ...

volunteer to be a project advisor

Faculty and staff may volunteer to help in the role of a Project Advisor. Project Advisors contribute by observing, and then offering advice. If you have expertise on the project topic, that is even better, though not required. Project Advisors can contribute by

- listening
- asking questions
- reading weekly progress reports
- helping students build their networks of contacts
- providing timely feedback and advice.

Class ([ENG 298](#)) meets Tu & Th, 12:30-1:50, however you do not need to be available for every class session, nor do you need to attend entire sessions.

To volunteer as a Project Advisor, visit linc.illinois.edu.