

Center for Social Impact

Purpose/Mission

Our mission is to develop active citizens who make social impact with our communities. We employ strategic frameworks, methodologies, and actions to provide students with a range of meaningful social impact learning experiences and skills that are applicable to their personal and professional lives.

Learning Outcomes

Students who engage with the Center for Social Impact will be able to do one or more of the following:

- Understand Social Impact Principles and Strategies
- Connect to Sustainable Impact Opportunities
- Apply Social Impact Principles and Strategies
- Access Resources to Meet Basic Needs

Programs and Services

The learning experiences at the CSI contribute to academic persistence, retention, and completion, as well as to the vibrancy of communities and personal and professional lives. Some of our programs and services are listed below.

- [Service-Learning Courses](#) Over 350 course sections each academic year receive the "service-learning" designation. We provide administrative, faculty, & partnership support.
- [Impact Fellows & Associates](#) Students who run events/programs utilizing social impact principles, values, frameworks, and methodologies that involve thousands of students.
- [Alternative Breaks](#) Trips that engage students with a social problem and help develop empathy, examine assumptions, and develop patterns of involvement.
- [Impact Partner Coordination](#) Coordinate impact partnerships, host social impact fairs and partner trainings, and maintain an online database of social impact opportunities.
- [Social Impact Metrics Lab \(SIMLab\)](#) Student-run, faculty-mentored evaluations of social/economic impact of interventions led by local, domestic, and international organizations.
- [Map the System Challenge](#) Students use systems thinking and mapping to research and analyze a social problem. The winning team competes in Oxford's global competition.
- [Design for Impact](#) Students participate in an equity-centered design thinking workshop series and pitch competition where the winning team receives a prize to help them continue the development of their social problem intervention.
- [Basic Needs Support](#) We run the on-campus food pantry, support the campus CARE Initiative, and coordinate on-campus holiday assistance programs.

IMPACT OUTCOMES 2021-2022



85%

RETENTION RATE OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN A SERVICE-LEARNING CLASS OR AS A CSI STUDENT LEADER



SERVICE-LEARNING COURSE SECTIONS

42

STUDENT LEADERS



62

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



37

FACULTY TRAINED

FOUR GRANTS & DONATIONS

\$77,000

I was a trip leader for an Alternative Break and learned about important issues happening in my own community and how to help solve problems. My advisors at the Center for Social Impact helped me in my professional and personal life in ways that no one ever has, and most importantly I found a strong community that has given me support. I am beyond grateful to have a place at my university that gave me space to grow. -Alex Ruiz, Biology Education

12,984

LBS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED



1008

FOOD VOUCHERS DISTRIBUTED