



SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY

S.O.U.L.S. COMMUNITY SERVICE AND
SERVICE LEARNING CENTER

Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Application 2011-2012 Information sheet

Suffolk University and the S.O.U.L.S. Center are offering ten trips during spring break for those who want to spend their break giving back to different communities. The trips will focus on poverty relief, environmental justice and equal rights.

Some trips will be working with Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge. These trips will each visit one of the 200 host affiliates throughout the United States. For one week, students will work with the local affiliate, the local community, and families to help people living in substandard housing. For more information please log on to: www.habitat.org

Some trips will be focusing on environmental issues. These students will work with environmental organizations to help protect ecologically important lands and water.

Other trips will be focusing on Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) issues. The students will be working with organizations that focus on education, human rights and political power to promote equality and eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

When: Weekly meetings throughout the spring semester
Suffolk University's spring break: March 11th - 17th, 2012

Where: Many trip locations are still to be determined. We have confirmed trips going to the following locations:

-Denver, CO	-Athens, GA
-Wichita Falls, TX	-Meridian, MS
-Detroit, MI	

Classes: A four credit service learning class will be attached to a few of the ASB trips. The content of the class will be directly related to the service component of the ASB trip. In order to go on a trip that has a class attached to it, you must register for that class. All students interested in receiving academic credit for the ASB experience should sign up for the course. This course will also fulfill the extended classroom requirement (ECR).

Cost: Students accepted into Alternative Spring Break are required to raise \$100 by February 10th. This can be as easy as asking 10 friends to donate 10 dollars to your cause! Suffolk University will cover all other expenses such as: lodging, food, transportation and airfare. Financial aid is available on a case by case basis. All participants will be asked to join in all group based fundraising activities.

Alternative Spring Break Application
March 11th-17th

Name (as it appears on your government ID) : _____

Date of Birth: _____ Major: _____

Address: _____ Student ID #: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Class Year: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Please list two references: (i.e. faculty members, employers) you should not list friends or family members.

Name	Phone	E-mail
1. _____		
2. _____		

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions and hand them in with your application. You must type all your answers. Please return the application to the S.O.U.L.S. Center or submit by e-mail to: souls@suffolk.edu by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5th, 2011, but please keep in contact with the S.O.U.L.S. center to make sure we have received it.

1. This year Alternative Spring Break will be focusing on the following issues: environmental justice, poverty, and equal rights. Are you significantly connected to any of these issues and why? What specific challenges do you think communities who are affected by these issues face? Why is participating in an Alternative Spring Break or volunteering in general important to you? And what do you hope to gain from ASB?
2. One of the goals of ASB is to expose students to a diverse range of situations and people to create a better understanding of social needs in our society. Please share a time when you have experienced a diverse environment and what you learned from that experience.
3. Would you be interested in taking a four credit Alternative Spring Break Service Learning course? (circle one)

Yes

No

Depends on which trip/issue
the course focuses on

As a part of the application process we are planning on interviewing a majority of the applicants. After your application has been received we will contact you to set up an interview.

Thank you very much for applying. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us with questions.
S.O.U.L.S. Community Service and Service Learning Center: 617-305-6306 or souls@suffolk.edu

Thank You,
ASB Group Leaders