As Jindal School students, you are required to broaden your experience and knowledge in management and business outside the classroom by completing a social engagement requirement. This social engagement requirement is intended to enhance your education by providing a platform to apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings to enhance your understanding of class materials while encouraging personal and social skill development and strengthening bonds to the community. The skills and experience you will gain through this community engagement will make you a more well-rounded student as well as a more desirable candidate for employment after you graduate.

Students have two options to complete this social engagement graduation requirement:

1) **Social Sector Engagement and Community Outreach Practicum (BA 4095) [0 semester credit hours]**
   - Pending consent, interested students will be invited to our VOMO platform. VOMO is a scheduling and tracking software for social engagement opportunities that will be used to track students’ progress toward hour completion. Need an invite? Check the website jindal.utdallas.edu/outreach!
   - Students MUST use their UTD email in order to be added to the UTD JSOM Hub. This hub will only show students approved community service hour opportunities.
   - Students must complete 100 hours of community service through approved opportunities listed in VOMO to receive credit. These hours must all be unpaid volunteer hours and must be earned while enrolled at UTD.
   - Community service opportunities outside those listed in the hub may be eligible toward the 100 community service hour requirement if they meet certain criteria. Criteria and outside opportunity applications can be found on our website jindal.utdallas.edu/outreach! Outside opportunities MUST be approved and entered into VOMO by our office prior to working.
   - Once students have completed 100 community service hours, they will be automatically enrolled in BA 4095 for their degree requirement.
   - Students will have until their graduation audit to complete community service hours and enroll in the course.
   - 0-credit hour course; fulfills only the social engagement requirement

OR

2) **Social Sector Engagement and Community Outreach (ENTP 4340) [3 semester credit hours]**
   - Project-based social engagement course
   - Group-style work, solving problems for non-profit partners
   - 3-credit hour graded course; a passing grade fulfills degree requirement and 3 hours of 120-credit hour degree plan
   - Does not require use of VOMO app
   - Students must be at junior status or higher to register for this course.
What kinds of service will fulfill the Social Sector Engagement and Community Outreach Practicum (BA 4095) requirement?

Community service is unpaid volunteer work with a valid nonprofit organization intended to help other people within a community. It is NOT monetary donations, attending fundraising events, paid work or favors for others. Some community service done through other clubs or organizations, or projects for classes, may count if approved. Applications and guidelines for outside project approval can be found on the website.

**Service that WOULD count:**
- Working at a nonprofit food pantry or soup kitchen
- Picking up trash in the community as part of a nonprofit organization
- Volunteering for a nonprofit after-school arts program with kids
- Volunteer hours you have completed since you started at UT Dallas and which have been approved and tracked through the VOMO app

**Service that WOULD NOT count:**
- Preparing a meal for a sick neighbor as a favor rather than as a part of an organization
- Picking up trash/cleaning/chores as a favor for a friend or family member
- Working as a paid counselor for a children’s program
- Volunteer hours completed prior to starting as a UT Dallas Student or that were not approved and entered into the VOMO system prior to the work date

Where can I find more information on community service opportunities?

Approved opportunities are listed on the VOMO website and app, and are continuously being updated and added. You may sign up for these opportunities, and hours will be automatically counted. Already involved with community service through a nonprofit? Found an opportunity outside VOMO that you would like to pursue? Fill out the application for Outside Projects Approval on the website and your work may be eligible toward your 100 hours of community service. Interested in a particular area of service and do not see it on the VOMO app and cannot find anything online? Let us know, and we will look for new opportunities!

Send us an email at jindaloutreach@utdallas.edu.

After I complete service hours, how do I get credit for them?

Unless otherwise authorized by the social engagement coordinator, only projects tracked through VOMO will count toward your 100 hours of community service. All outside opportunities MUST be previously approved and entered into the system prior to the work date, allowing you to sign up for the opportunity through VOMO and automatically have your hours tracked.

Can I graduate if I do not complete 100 hours of community service?

If you do not complete 100 hours of community service, you will not be registered for BA 4095. If you do not complete BA 4095, you MUST take ENTP 4340 and complete the course with a passing grade. You must satisfactorily complete one of these two courses in order to graduate, and failure to do so prior to your graduation audit will delay your graduation.

Questions? Please reach out to me!
Visit our website: jindal.utdallas.edu/outreach for additional information, or shoot me an email!

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