

Student Government Syllabus

Course: SD 130/330 Practicum in Student Government

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(Note that the ASLCSC Vice President shall have input regarding grades and scholarship consideration. However, the ASLCSC Advisor shall have the final decision on grades.)

Required Texts: ASLCSC Constitution
ASLCSC Bylaws

Recommended Text: Any text on parliamentary procedure may be helpful.

Purpose: The purpose of this practicum is to develop, within those participating in Student Government, stronger skills in the following areas:

1. Communication
2. Leadership
3. Initiative
4. Cooperative Learning
5. Cooperative Task Accomplishment
6. A working understanding of the student Constitution and Bylaws.

Student Government provides participants with the opportunity to become visible in the community, earn scholarships, receive college credit, receive practical experience in participation in meetings and the business environment, build a dynamic resume, become better acquainted with college administrators and faculty, become familiar with Idaho's Educational System, and to participate first hand in college budgeting practices as well as develop the six skill areas delineated above. With these, and the many other opportunities available through Student Government, there are certain expectations/responsibilities that are reserved specifically to and for student officers. These include the ability to receive all students and student problems with grace and dignity. We must conduct ourselves in a professional manner (i.e. in such a way as to be business-like and student centered simultaneously). Students, faculty, staff, and members of the community will place faith in you only after you have proven yourself worthy of such responsibilities.

Student Development credit is elective credit which cannot be used to fulfill core, major, or minor requirements. Eight hours maximum of Student Development credit may count toward a Bachelor's degree.

Grading: Pass/Fail

Performance Expectations

During one semester term, a Senator will:

1. There is a mandatory requirement of 90 hours of effort, broken down into:
 - a) Senate Meetings on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 and Round Table Meetings on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30.
 - b) Two hours a week spent in the ASLCSC Office.
 - c) Two hours a week dealing with other Senate business (i.e. committee meetings, committee work, informing, and gathering information from the students).
2. Participate in at least two ASLCSC standing/internal and two campus committees.
3. Serve on adhoc committees as directed, or find someone who will.
4. Meet with the ASLCSC President, Vice President, or Student Government Advisor to discuss relevant senate business as needed.
5. Volunteer and/or participate in as many extracurricular activities as possible (there is a minimum requirement of 2). These may include those sponsored by the ASLCSC or those hosted by other organizations.
6. Keep a notebook or folder documenting all activities in which he or she has participated. This notebook will be used when determining scholarship awards. Thus, it is wise to keep an accurate account of all activities, bills, resolutions, etc.
7. Maintain a working library of all legislation brought forth in the Senate Meetings as well as the required course texts.
8. Read and have a working knowledge of the ASLCSC Constitution and Bylaws.
9. Read and have a working knowledge of the ASLCSC budget and procedures and rules for properly expending funds.
10. Perform any other duties as required in the ASLCSC Constitution and Bylaws.

Credits:

President	SD 330 - 4 credits
Vice President	SD 330 - 3 credits
Senate Majority Leader	SD 330 - 3 credits
Chief Justice	SD 330 - 3 credits
Senator	SD 130 - 2 credits
Justice	SD 130 - 1 credit

Other students who assist the ASLCSC with various assignments and special projects may be eligible for some practicum credit as arranged on a special basis with the ASLCSC Advisor(s).