**Service Learning Final Research Paper**

Outline of Required Sections

Length: Sections I. through IX. should be a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 double-spaced pages with 1 inch margins on all sides. Please use a traditional (i.e. boring) font such as Times, Garamond, or Caslon. Do not use Comic Sans.

1. PROBLEM DESCRIPTION
	1. What is the problem? Describe the type of problem, the specific major problem, and sub-problems.
	2. Analyze the problem.
		1. What is the history or background, the facts?
		2. What are the effects or consequences of this problem (negative and positive)?
		3. What individuals, groups, organizations, social institutions are involved?
		4. What values, beliefs, norms, and issues are involved? To whom do those values, beliefs, norms, and issues belong?
		5. What stand and (political) ideology are taken by whom?
2. CAUSES OF THE PROBLEM
	1. What lay-person assumptions are made about this problem? What sociological assumption(s) are made about this problem?
	2. What social factors (causes) are involved? (Who says so? Describe the research.)
	3. What sociological perspectives are involved and by whom?
3. SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM
	1. What solution(s) are proposed and by whom (individuals, groups, ideologies, perspectives)? Which causes are addressed in these solutions? Which are not?
	2. What approach do these solutions take: system-blame or person-blame?
	3. What solution(s) have been tried already? According to the academic research, which solutions work?
	4. What additional problems do the solutions raise?
4. YOUR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND THE AGENCY'S APPROACH
	1. What solution(s) does the agency with which you volunteered use?
	2. What are the effects of this agency's approach? What works? What doesn't?
	3. From your observations, do the solution(s) used by this agency and the results of their solutions align with the sociological research? In what ways to they align? In what ways do they differ?
5. SUMMARIZE AND TAKE A PERSONAL POSITION
	1. What conclusion(s) can you draw about the problem? What are your own reactions now that you've analyzed it? What do you think would be the best solution? Why? Be sure to back up your conclusions with relevant research and data to support
	your view.
6. REFERENCES