



Student Instructions:

1. Complete the **student section** outlining contact information, ministry/service information, and a brief description of your ministry or service.
2. Attach your written reflection (no more than one page in length) of this ministry/service experience.
3. Have your supervisor fully complete the **supervisor section**.
4. Return all materials to MAS for review.

Student Section:

Name _____ APU ID# _____ - _____ - _____ Date ____/____/____
 Address _____ APU Box # _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone (_____) _____
 Email _____ Class: FR SO JR SR Transfer year: _____

Ministry/Service Information:

Name of ministry/service _____ Date started ____/____/____
 Ministry/service address _____ Date completed ____/____/____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone (_____) _____
 Email _____ Website _____

Briefly describe your ministry or service _____

Reflection:

Attach a written reflection on the time spent at your ministry or service opportunity. The reflection should be no more than a page long. Here are some sample questions to answer: *What is a story of someone you met during your ministry or service? What interested you in this ministry or service? What were some challenges or difficulties you encountered? How did **you** benefit as a result of this experience? How did **others** benefit from your service?*

Ministry/Service Supervisor Section:

Name _____ Title _____

I have read the Ministry/Service Report above and confirm that they have completed _____ (5, 10, 15, 30) ministry/service credits under my supervision. (See policy on back for guidelines)

Supervisor signature _____ Date ____/____/____

For Office Use Only:

Approved Denied

Comments _____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Ministry and Service Policy

Azusa Pacific University's ministry and service opportunities launch students on a trajectory toward a lifetime of outreach. In keeping with its 100-year mission to prepare leaders who understand the privilege and necessity of service, APU sponsors numerous local and global programs preparing leaders who are culturally sensitive and proficient in diverse settings. Locally, students change lives through ministries such as tutoring underprivileged children, visiting weekly with unwed teen mothers and clearing paths on local mountain trails. Farther from campus, Mexico Outreach participants build on 35 years of cooperation with Mexican churches painting schools, erecting churches and leading Vacation Bible School in parks and neighborhoods throughout Mexicali and Ensenada. Through Focus International, students serve in India, Kenya, Thailand and many other ministry sites around the globe, learning about different cultures and broadening their experience of God in the world.

The service component of the APU experience assumes an understanding that growing faith is active faith, and active faith involves working alongside others to demonstrate the good news of God's inclusive, empowering love. A student's service may correlate with his or her academic preparation for a chosen profession, or it may be an opportunity to branch out into something altogether different. The Office of Ministry and Service (MAS) encourages students along this path, providing a catalyst and support to them as they serve others and experience the "more abundant life" that Jesus professed and modeled (John 10:10). Students' involvement in these ministry opportunities satisfies the graduation requirement of 120 credits of ministry and service. Following are the graduation requirements for full-time students:

- 120 credits for students beginning a fall semester as freshmen
- 90 credits for transfer students beginning a fall semester as sophomores
- 60 credits for transfer students beginning a fall semester as juniors
- 30 credits for transfer students beginning a fall semester as seniors

Through supervised, purposeful and transformational service, APU students become consistent community contributors. Generally, students earn 15 credits per semester of weekly involvement (15-25 hours of service), but one-day service opportunities and short-term ministry trips are also available. The maximum amount of MAS credits is 30 per semester and 45 per academic year. (For instance, 15 fall semester credits for Homework House and 30 credits for Mexicali on Easter break). To receive credit for completing ministry/service, students must complete the Ministry/Service Report and turn it in by the end of the semester in which the ministry/service is completed. These forms are available in the MAS office.

MAS encourages you to broaden your horizons through different experiences, and we also recognize that you may desire to stay with a particular ministry to continue developing your gifts and relationships there. Additionally, you may find that a certain ministry/service opportunity is a fitting compliment to your particular area of study. MAS fully supports this continuity of involvement and wants to encourage you to provide leadership in your endeavors with APU. So, you may receive 45 credits maximum per year, distributed in any way you choose among ministry/service ventures. Only the following restrictions exist:

- Athletic training may use up to four sessions for a maximum of 60 credits.
- Nursing majors may use up to four clinicals for a maximum of 60 credits.
- Music ministries may use up to a maximum of two ensembles for a maximum of 60 credits.



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