

CFES Idea Database – November 2011

Question:

EN: How does your school recognize your involvement in volunteer activities? (i.e. Do you have a co-circular transcript that recognizes your volunteer activities on your official University transcript? Do you receive additional credit for your volunteer hours?)

FR: De quelle manière votre école reconnaît-elle votre implication étudiante? (Avez-vous un relevé quelconque qui reconnaît votre implication/bénévolat dans votre relevé universitaire officiel? Recevez-vous des crédits universitaires supplémentaires pour vos heures de bénévolat?)

Responses

Responses are listed by school in language it which they was submitted.

University Of Victoria B	<p>The University of Victoria does not currently recognize our involvement in volunteer activities, but during the past B-Stream academic semester we began talks of setting a recognition program up. The goal of the program was to potentially have a creditless course that would show up on our transcripts to show what our involvement throughout our studies was. With that said, the main form of recognition for our volunteer work is selection to attend the various conferences that are held throughout the year without any costs falling onto the delegate.</p> <p>Hope this helps!</p>
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University of Saskatchewan	<p>Our school does not recognize volunteering except for free food for university sanctioned volunteer events. When we do highschool recruitment events, we put tons of work, miss classes, and still don't get anything except a form email saying thanks. If you are implying that some schools get credit for volunteering, I'd love to find out how to get this process started.</p>
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University of Ottawa	<p>The school does not give an official record of volunteer hours. They do however give away scholarships based on volunteer and community involvement. You can also ask for a letter signed by the dean if you have committed enough hours, I believe it is over 100 hours. The ESS also has an annual volunteer appreciation in which they are given a gift, usually a beer mug/stein/pitcher with the ESS logo. They are also treated to some cool refreshing BEvERages.</p>
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Simon Fraser University	<p>If a student joins a program called the Student Ambassador Program, they have access to a volunteering database which logs the hours that they volunteer. Certain levels of involvement earn certain standings (bronze, silver and gold) in the program. The level is recognized at your graduation.</p>
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University of Calgary	Our school has a Co-Curricular Record for each student. All student leadership/volunteer positions are posted on this network and students are able to request acknowledgement of their position on their EngSoc or any other club each academic year. All requests are verified by the Director of Students.
University of Waterloo A	When students sign up to volunteer at Waterloo, usually the only recognition they are given is a "free lunch" or a "free t-shirt" or gift cards. Recently the dean has made a "leadership" award that is given to a few people every year who participate in volunteer activities, and this is shown on their final transcript.
Ryerson University	I don't believe there is anything, you just put it on your resume but your transcript has no record no matter how involved you are.
University of Windsor	We have a co-curricular transcript that is approved by staff or faculty of the university. The co-curricular transcript is an online system. If you want to add activities to your transcript, you can simply go online and add it. It will then be approved or declined by the staff/faculty member that's overseeing it.
University of Victoria - 'A'	Through Volunteer appreciation events.
Memorial University B	Memorial has introduced the co-curricular transcript as a pilot, but it is not fully functional yet. Our Student Volunteer Bureau has three levels that you can do, Bronze, Silver and Gold, and you get a certificate for completing each level. This is not mandatory for all volunteers, but is the only thing at MUN that recognizes volunteer hours.
Concordia University	We are starting this year to have a co-curricular transcript that recognizes our volunteering activities on Campus. We also give letters of thanks, and recommendation to our volunteers in the ECA (EngSoc).
McMaster University	The McMaster Engineering Society hosts a volunteer appreciation dinner or social every term for volunteers of EngSoc activities, like appetizers at a pub or a dinner. Aside from that, for many of the regular volunteer activities (like those on social committee organizing events, or those volunteering in our 'store' selling swag every week) they get small privileges associated with their jobs. Social committee volunteers attend events for free, volunteers in the store get \$1 credit per hour, etc... Mac could definitely do a better job recognizing their volunteers.
University of Toronto	U of T recognizes some student leaders (generally a few executives of certain clubs or organization) through receptions (at the university and/or faculty level) or an invitation or two to other important dinners or lunches.
McGill University	They don't!
Université de Sherbrooke	Dans la faculté de génie, il existe un crédit à l'implication. Si les étudiants qui se sont impliqués (asso, groupe étudiant, etc.), ils peuvent faire la demande pour changer un cours d'option pour un crédit d'implication. Par contre, c'est peu utilisé parce que les étudiants préfèrent faire un cours d'option qui pourra être plus utile dans leur carrière qu'un mot sur leur bulletin.

Queen's University	Academically, there is no actual recognition for co-curricular activities. There is always volunteer appreciation for positions (whether that include free dinner or pizza). Recently, motions have been brought to the University Administration from Faculty members of many different undergraduate programs to begin a 'Co-Curricular Transcript' outlining all participation in volunteer activities. Some Queen's graduate school's (I understand the Law faculty does this) values co-curricular involvement in their application process.
University of Regina	We recognize our volunteers with a mini-party at the end of the year
University of Manitoba	<p>The U of M has a co-curricular transcript that allows students to record their outside of classroom activities. In order to meet the requirements for recognition students need to attend a certain percentage of meetings and events, depending on the council, team or committee.</p> <p>Examples of events inside Engineering that are recognized are; University of Manitoba Engineering Society, all SAE teams, EWB, 1/4 scale tractor and UM Satellite Team, Faculty Council</p> <p>Examples of outside Engineering; University of Manitoba Student Union (UMSU), UMSU sub-committees, UofM Senate</p> <p>More info can be found at: http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/academic/1139.html</p>
Carleton	<p>We have a co-curricular record for which groups such as engfresh and cses get roles/responsibilities approved as options and then we can place them in our (pending it gets verified) record once a year.</p> <p>Also as an eng soc we have a volunteer appreciation party were we all go to a restaurant and people are given tickets worth \$5 (the amount of tickets depends on how involved you are).</p> <p>Finally we also have awards that are given out at our formal each year.</p>
University of Western Ontario	We do not receive additional credit for volunteer hours and we do not keep track of volunteer activities. We are currently working on an Engineering only non-academic transcript.
University of Alberta	The University of Alberta does not have a co-curricular record but is currently in the process of setting it up. The CCR which would serve as an extra-curricular transcript used to officially represent the involvement activities that students are a part of during their university career was delayed last year to wait until after the release of Bears' Den (a network set up to expose students to all of the student groups on campus) to work on it further. The university decided to explore a number of options including how to integrate their CCR project with the Bears' Den interface.

**University of
British
Columbia**

We have volunteer appreciation throughout the year! Our volunteer of the month gets a free item from Red Sales (our merchandise store) under \$70, and we also have free food at most of the meetings and work parties. Alongside that, there are the patches that recognize the roles people have undertaken.

At the end of the year, we have a talent & appreciation night (T&A) where awards are given out to volunteers who have gone the extra mile, that has free food, and a party with some complimentary beverages afterwards.
