

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find volunteer work?

Our website, <http://www.denison.edu/academics/departments/economics/dvd>, provides a list of various opportunities. The Denison Community Association (DCA) is also available to help students find socially productive work.

What percentage of my grade does this community service account for and what if I do not finish by the deadline?

This accounts for 5% of the student's total grade. There is nothing we can do after the deadline. The 5% credit is lost.

What happens if I am graduating soon and do not have enough money saved for a retirement plan?

Contact Professor Kaboub for information on how you can save enough DVDs for your retirement.

What happens if I do not have enough DVDs to pay taxes at the end of the semester?

Be creative! Students who have excessive hours of community service can exchange their extra DVDs with those students who do not have enough to pay taxes . . . perhaps in exchange for a ride to the airport, a used iPod, or U.S. Dollars (must negotiate an exchange rate!).

Can taxes be increased in the middle of the semester?

No, tax changes will not change in the middle of the semester. Denison University reserves the right to increase or decrease taxes in the future and may also devalue the DVD currency.

Do I need to fill out any forms?

A Student Volunteer Form is required for each time a student performs community service.

Does the DVD program have anything to do with class work?

Yes – The DVD program will instigate conversations on GDP, money, taxes, bonds, interest rates, government deficit, national debt, exchange rates, etc.

The Denison Volunteer Dollar

The Currency Of Civic Engagement

What is the Denison Volunteer Dollar?

The Economics Department at Denison University is proud to announce the launch of its new community service initiative: The Denison Volunteer Dollar – The Currency of Civic Engagement.

Denison University is once again gearing up its civic engagement initiative and is launching a new era of academic and intellectual partnership with the surrounding community!

The Denison Volunteer Dollar (DVD) program will invite economics students to engage in volunteer work with non-profit organizations around the Denison community!

Community service can be performed on an individual basis or students may attend our community service day organized once a semester on a Saturday morning for large groups of students to participate in a single, collective project serving the community. Buses will transport the students for a few hours of fun, enriching public service!

The DVD administration reserves the right to determine the legitimacy of community service work.

For the Students

Basic Information and Requirements

- \$ Required for students taking ECON 101-01, Intro Macroeconomics (Fall 2008).
- \$ Each hour of community service, with a legitimate non-profit organization, is worth 10 DVDs.
- \$ Individual tax liability is 50 DVDs per class and is due at the end of the semester (last day of classes).
- \$ 5% of the total grade is assigned to the tax liability.
- \$ Students can find volunteer work through the John W. Alford Center for Service Learning, the Denison Community Association (DCA), and the DVD Program website.
- \$ Student Volunteer Forms must be completed and signed by organization representatives and the student for each completed record of service.
- \$ Students must bring signed Volunteer Forms to the DVD Department of Treasury (Judy Thompson, Higley Hall, 212) to obtain DVDs.
- \$ Students with disabilities or extenuating circumstances will be accommodated.

Treasury Bonds

Students who accumulate savings in DVDs will be offered the opportunity to buy DVD Treasury Bonds and earn interest on their savings, which can then be used to recruit other students to work with them in their favorite non-profit organization.

Retirement Plan

Students with a surplus of DVDs have the opportunity to contribute a minimum of 2,000 DVDs in an Economics DVD Retirement Plan! When a student graduates (retires from Denison), they will receive a retirement check in the amount of 300 DVDs per semester. This income can then be used to hire current Denison students to work with them in their favorite non-profit organizations.

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