Service learning at ACT * gives you the opportunity to offer something valuable to those around you and to grow while doing so. You can refine skills** that you already have, pick up new ones, experience different work environments and become acquainted with local people. Learn about others while you test yourself by entering a structured and safe work relationship for a limited time.

TEACH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (8-14 positions)
Open to all students, but with particular significance for those interested in working in early childhood education, or teaching English. This position gives American students the opportunity to represent the U.S. while giving elementary students a chance to practice and cultivate English skills with a native speaker. Service learning students work on campus at the two Anatolia Elementary Schools and they can choose among the following:
- Tutoring English as a second language
- Reading to young children
- Engaging with students on a one on one basis and in group activities
- Organizing and assisting in presentations about American life, culture and society to classes or groups of students
(Fall and Spring semesters).

CREATIVE READING FOR YOUNGSTERS (4-6 positions)
Open to all students who enjoy young children; these positions are with the Eleftheriadis Library on campus. You will be organizing readings for small groups of elementary school children. This service involves choosing readings for the children and reading out loud to them in a specially designed relaxed environment.
(Fall and Spring semesters).

TEACH WRITING SKILLS TO STUDENTS (5-10 positions)
The Writing Center is in the Bissell Library on campus and serves ACT college students who need to polish their writing skills. Service learning workers need to have a good command of the English language and will be instructed by the Director of the Center, Dr. Ann Challenger, on how to tutor and instruct those needing help. This is a great opportunity to meet Greek and Balkan students whose mother tongue is not English.
(Year round).

COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (2-4 positions)
These are positions for students who are interested in working with Greek high school students who are preparing to study in the U.S. This volunteer experience is for students who would like to:
- Act as ambassadors for American Universities,
- Assist high school students in building personalized college lists,
- Share their college application experiences with high school students, and
- Tutor SAT (English and Math) to students in need

The Student Counselling Office is one of the most attractive and friendly places on Anatolia campus. (Fall and spring semesters)

In addition, there is a position available for a student who is interested in General Office Work (preferably Greek American) to work in the College Counselling Office three times a week for 1.5 hours. (Year round).
**BECOME PART OF THE MUSIC SCENE** (2-3 positions)
Thessaloniki is a city with a rich musical culture. No matter how strong the mainstream flow is, there are always those little corners where music-making of every kind flourishes. These positions involve off campus work downtown and during morning and evening hours. The purpose of these internships is to teach students the location of such musical “hot-spots” and to provide them with a rough idea of how the music world is connected to the business world thus forming very interesting dynamics.

Interns will be working with ACT’s campus music expert, Yiannis Loukakis and will also be involved in organizing small jamming sessions with ACT students who want to play on campus and/or in small local venues (music bars-cafes). The students who apply for these positions will need some music expertise and the capacity to document the connection of such a position to their future professional interests. *(Year round)*

**INTERN AT THE THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL** (2-5 positions)
The Thessaloniki International Film Festival (T.I.F.F.) is one of the oldest and largest film festivals in the Balkans and is a major cultural institution in Greece. It revolves around two large festivals, one in November for fiction films and one in March for documentaries, and is active year-round as a cultural institution and publishing entity. In collaboration with other organizations, it produces smaller film festivals, talks, exhibits, educational programs, books and monographs, throughout the year. Short internships are available.

For Fall 2009, in celebration of T.I.F.F.’s 50th year, it is launching a program of semester long internships for American students in collaboration with ACT. These internships must be sought out independently through the International Programs Office at ACT, by students that are interested in film and media studies. These internships are for credit. *(Fall and Spring semesters)*

**WORK WITH UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH** (8-14 positions)
The ARSIS/ Association for the social support of youth sites are off campus and work involves leading workshops (computer skills, arts and crafts, dance, martial arts, radio programming etc.) once a week for kids of two different age groups (12-14 and 14-18). The workshops are conducted on a weekly basis, in the early afternoons and evenings, five days a week. Planning outings for and with underprivileged kids is also part of the experience. These are rewarding positions for students who are willing to work outside their immediate comfort zone and to extend their care and knowledge to those who have much less than they do. *(Fall and Spring semesters)*

**WORK WITH REFUGEES** (2-5 positions)
Thessaloniki is a city with many refugees. The refugee center is downtown and students working here need to be self motivated and inventive. There is a great need to organize workshops for adults who need skills and entertainment. Language skills, child play groups, arts and crafts, organizing clothes drives etc. are much in need. *(Year round)*

**BECOME A JOURNALIST** (4-5 positions)
Contribute articles and work on the ACT study abroad newsletter which is electronically published each week, on campus. Students work with the International Programs Office, meet once a week with the editor to discuss weekly content, research topics, conduct interviews and write and/or edit articles. *(Year round)*
DO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE (4-6 positions)
Working at the lodges on Mount Olympus, these positions involve weekend hikes and service at high altitude. Hard physical work, camaraderie and adventure are involved in working in this field of specialized tourism. At times, work involves cleaning and repairing trails, serving food, taking out trash, keeping the premises clean, serving clients and even cooking in a Greek family oriented environment. Young expert climbers will be your guides.
(Early fall, late spring and summer months)

DO SEASONAL FARM WORK (depends on time of year- groups 5-10)
The most available work of this sort is olive picking and grape picking in the fall and it is usually done seasonally and over weekends. You will be working in a family situation. Tree planting sometimes occurs in the fall as well.

APPRENTICE WITH TRADITIONAL BUSINESSES, ARTISTS AND CRAFTS PEOPLE (to be arranged individually upon request)
Students need to be self motivated and able to work in an environment where little or no English is spoken. These positions are in small neighborhoods in Thessaloniki and service learning workers need to make time at least once a week during shop hours.
(All year round)

DIGITAL STORY TELLING (8-10)
Students are trained in a method that was developed at Berkley University and is used world round by non-profit organizations to help people “without a voice”, people who live on society’s fringe, to document their stories. The training itself takes 15 hours, is done over a three day period and then you would be taking upon yourself a single project, helping a refugee or an underprivileged youth make a short digital story of their life. Skills you will need to already have are teamwork, organization, leadership, initiative; only very motivated students should consider applying. You would be acquiring special skills that you can use in the future (creative thinking, computer editing etc.) Students who are taking anthropology, sociology and history classes will be given priority. (All year round- on demand)

* Volunteer Service Learning Work can appear on your transcript as either S/U (satisfactory/unsatisfactory) upon request. In this event, you will need to fulfill certain assignment requirements with a faculty supervisor and a small administrative fee will be charged.

** Skills required for all positions: reliability, responsibility, consistency.
Skills you will be working on: time management, creativity, interpersonal and teamwork, organization, leadership, conflict resolution, negotiation, language

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