The Service Learning Institute (SLI) is a campus program that hosts all “abroad” trips and projects for West Valley College students. The SLI works with organizations and communities throughout the globe to create short-term service or study abroad projects that are connected to a course on campus. Campus faculty can supplement their existing course curriculum to add an “abroad” component at the end of the semester. Both course credit and scholarships may be offered to students interested in taking an “abroad” course on campus.

The Service Learning Institute and study abroad programs give students the platform to work alongside their professors and global communities on the real-world issues they will soon address in their careers, providing an enriched perspective on the course material that they study in their textbooks. The SLI allows students to gain a global perspective while acquiring hands-on experience in going beyond their textbooks, encompassing the many benefits of study abroad, while helping communities in need and sparking their drive for leadership, action, and positive change.

West Valley College is committed to offering its transformational SLI “abroad” projects to any and every student, regardless of ability to pay, ranging from full-scholarships to partial-scholarships. With a focus on Need-Based scholarships, West Valley College's SLI allows students of every socioeconomic background to experience what the world has to offer through the lens of co-curricular service learning, enriching both their course studies and global perspective. Merit-Based scholarships are also available for service learning projects and will be determined using the student applicant's supplemental application responses.
Previous Projects

Puerto Rico

Cambodia Service Trip