About the Program

If you want to make a difference while making a living, then the Philanthropy and Non-Profit Nonprofit Management program at Slippery Rock University is an excellent choice. SRU is the only university in Pennsylvania to offer undergraduate students academic preparation for careers in the nonprofit sector. Through service-learning opportunities, participating in projects for area organizations, and an internship, you’ll be able to make a difference while studying nonprofit leadership theories and best practices. Upon graduation, you will have amassed a comprehensive portfolio that will impress potential employers.

Why Choose Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management?

With more than 10.7 million Americans employed by one of the nation’s 1.6 million nonprofits, the nonprofit sector’s growth rate has surpassed that of both business and government. Each year, nonprofit organizations create more than 45,000 new jobs with an average starting salary of $35,600. As baby boomers exit the sector, nonprofits will fill their predicted 600,000 openings with passionate, highly qualified college graduates who bring both advanced knowledge and experience to the nonprofit sector.

Students may choose philanthropy and nonprofit management as a first major or decide to add value to another major by selecting this as a minor or a second major. Four of the philanthropy and nonprofit management courses required for the major and minor also fulfill liberal studies requirements.

Skills You will Learn

Dedicated faculty will teach you how to develop and manage programs, measure program and organizational effectiveness, generate funds through grants and special events, prepare budgets and maintain financial records, develop marketing tools and public relations materials, recruit and supervise volunteers, advocate for the needs of clients, and conduct human resources functions such as hiring and evaluating staff.

Major/Concentration

- Interdisciplinary Programs (BS)
- Cultural and Diversity Studies
- Gender and Diversity Issues
- Leadership Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management
- Sociology

Minor

- Anthropology
- Gender Studies
- Leadership
- Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management
- Sociology
Career Opportunities

You'll have the background to work as a professional in a variety of settings, including:

- Animal protection agencies like the Humane Society, ASPCA, and the Pittsburgh Zoo
- Arts and Humanities organizations like the Children's Museum, Pittsburgh Ballet, and the Carnegie Museums
- Crime prevention and re-entry programs for former offenders
- Disability services like Special Olympics and Autism Speaks
- Environmental organizations like Water for People; Sierra Club
- Faith-based organizations like Cru, United Methodist Committee on Relief, American Jewish World Service, churches, and youth groups
- Fitness centers like the YMCA
- Food banks and housing programs like the Greater Pittsburgh Area Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity
- Health clinics and hospitals
- Health-related organizations like the Red Cross, American Heart Association, Stand Up for Cancer and the American Diabetes Association
- Human rights organizations like IHuman Rights Campaign Fund
- International nonprofits like Africare, UNICEF, Operation Smile, and Save the Children
- Professional associations like the American Bar Association
- Recreation services like Outward Bound, Venture Outdoors, and Am Camping Assoc.
- Senior citizen centers, nursing homes, and organizations like AARP and the Alzheimer Association
- Social service agencies that provide shelter, food and clothing, to help people in need
- Veterans service agencies like Wounded Warriors, Student Veterans of America
- Victim rights organizations like women's shelters, Project to End Human Trafficking
- Youth serving organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Girls Inc., Key Club and Junior Achievement

Student Involvement

The Student Nonprofit Alliance is SRU’s professional association for students working toward careers in the nonprofit sector. SNA organizes dozens of service projects, special events and campus wide programs that allow its members to gain valuable workplace skills and network with in-service nonprofit professionals.

Other Opportunities:

- Internships
- International Travel
- Scholarships
- Professional Development
- Network with Professionals