Students who volunteer can get more than a pat on the back.

You can earn college credit as well as have a great addition to your resume. When you register for Social Services Organization Internship (SOC:4920), you volunteer to work 3 hours a week for each semester hour of credit.

Students choose the organization for which they’d like to work. This can be a social services, government or other type of organization whose goal is to help people. Students typically register for a 3-semester-hour class and contract to work 9 hours/wk. for 16 weeks. Attending a biweekly (every other week) seminar and submitting a final paper of advanced undergraduate quality are required.

The following list of local agencies are examples to consider, but not exhaustive:

- Crisis Center
- Salvation Army
- UI Hospitals & Clinics
- Elder Services, Inc.
- Free Medical Clinic
- Iowa Legal Aid
- Four Oaks
- Girls on the Run
- Mercy Hospital
- City Police Departments
- Corrections Departments
- United Action for Youth
- Shelter House
- Iowa City Hospice
- The Senior Center
- UI Center for Diversity & Enrichment
- Johnson County Attorney’s Office
- Domestic Violence Intervention Project
- MECCA
- …and more!

Students may enroll in SOC:4920 up to six times. Contact Sociology advisor Joseph Davis (joseph-davis-1@uiowa.edu) for assistance in how to get started. Other internship registration options include the Pomerantz Career Center Academic Internship. Contact Jenny Noyce (jennifer-noyce@uiowa.edu) for more information or support with finding an internship site.