



The **Global Sustainability and Earth Literacy Studies (GSELS)** learning network at Miami Dade College helps students gain the expertise needed to be a 21st-Century engaged citizen. GSELS empowers students to be **changemakers**—to make a positive difference. We believe that in today’s highly connected, socially conscious world, civic engagement fosters valuable, marketable skills that will enable our students to be leaders in our schools, communities, and beyond.

An important requisite in earning the **GSELS Scholar** designation is completing a **GSELS Civic Engagement Project**. There are **two options** from which to choose (choose one):

1. 10-hour Academic Service-Learning Project

- a. Coordinated with one of your GSELS class instructors and related to this class’ curricula
- b. Registered with [the Institute for Civic Engagement and Democracy \(iCED\)](#)
 - i. Search for a service opportunity in iCED’s community partner database here: <https://sisvsr.mdc.edu/ci/search.aspx> (note: for GSELS students, the community partner may be Earth Ethics Institute)
 - ii. Contact the agency with whom you would like to do service (instructions are provided for how to do this on the iCED website)
 - iii. Register your service and start a new service-learning application here: <https://sisvsr.mdc.edu/ci/stuapp.aspx>
 - iv. Print both the Service-Learning Contract and the Hour Report and Student Evaluation Form
 1. The Service-Learning Contract should be completed with your site supervisor and then returned to your professor and/or your campus iCED office
 2. Keep track of your service hours on the Hour Report and Student Evaluation Form.
 3. After your work is completed, have your site supervisor complete the evaluation. Return the completed form to your campus iCED office.
 - v. Complete the Student Survey and view your logged hours on the iCED website.
- c. Note: your iCED Service-Learning Transcript reflecting at least 10 hours of GSELS-related service will be needed when applying for GSELS Scholar status.
- d. Post-project: submit to Earth Ethics Institute a 500-word minimum reflection essay detailing your Service-Learning experience and how it connected to your GSELS studies

2. Civic Action Scorecard

- a. Earn a minimum of 100 points on iCED’s [Civic Action Scorecard](#), with a minimum of 50 of those points coming from the Environment & Sustainability section
- b. Submit to Earth Ethics Institute a 500-word minimum reflection essay detailing your Service-Learning experience and how it connected to your GSELS studies

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