



Take the Leadership in Action course at WVU this summer!

Congratulations on being selected to attend West Virginia American Legion Mountaineer Boys State! By being selected, we know that means you are recognized as a student leader in your community. You work hard, you give back to your community, and you strive to make a difference in the world around you. To enhance your Boys State Leadership Academy experience, West Virginia University has partnered with West Virginia American Legion Mountaineer Boys State to offer you an exciting opportunity. By being selected and attending Boys State, you are eligible to enroll in a course designed specifically with you in mind.

By enrolling in Leadership In Action before attending West Virginia American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, you will be exposed to the theory and application of leadership. This course is designed to help you develop a better understanding of your role as a community leader and start your journey in to higher education. This course will be considered an elective credit at WVU. WVU holds regional and many specialized accreditations. Thus, credits can transfer to a majority of colleges and universities nationwide.

Course: SRVL 293 is designed as an introduction to community based leadership. The purpose of this course is to provide Mountaineer Boys State Citizens with the tools to develop their purpose, practice civic leadership skills, and apply the knowledge to their local communities. To accomplish this task, we have divided the course in to 3 parts. Part I provides an academic background in academic community engagement, which is presented to students via journal article assignments and project based research. This section will also include 10 hours of direct community service. Part 2 is the hands-on activities that occur during your week at camp. Through hands on learning each student in the class will reflect on camp projects with instructors. Part 3 is the application of the knowledge learned to benefit a community agency. The student will be assigned a community nonprofit to complete a direct or indirect service project (10 hours of service). At this juncture students should be able to critically achieve the intellectual integration and awareness needed to adapt to changes and challenges in their personal, social, and professional lives giving them the ability to be thoughtful leaders in a democratic society.

Credits: 2

Length: Three weeks - June 4th – June 22nd

Course Timeline:

- ❖ **June 4th – 10th** Unit 1: Research local community and write a needs assessment for their area. Choose a specific passion area and nonprofit that supports that need and complete 10 hours of service work to learn about and assist that agency.
- ❖ **During Camp** Unit 2: Attend the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Camp and complete activities such as: legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. Submit 1 written assignment that discusses the different leadership styles and how to work well with each type of leader.
- ❖ **June 17th - 22nd** Unit 3: Take the knowledge they have learned in the first 2 units and apply it to develop an innovative project in their local community. A reflection of the project, reason for choosing project, and reaction to project process will be expected.

YOU MUST APPLY AND BE ADMITTED TO THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM *Deadline: June 1ST!*

<https://www.access.wvu.edu/apply>

You must complete the online application for admission to the High School Access Early College Program, AND you must complete the Enrollment Authorization Form. Both steps can be started/completed at the web address above.

If you have questions about the application process or experience difficulty in the process, please contact WVU by phone at (304)293-9420 or by e-mail at accessWVU@mail.wvu.edu.

Payment info:

**** Important Note:** You cannot make a payment for a course(s) until officially accepted as a WVU student and enrolled/registered in a course(s). No forms of payment will be accepted prior to meeting each of these criteria. Once admitted and enrolled, students will receive a confirmation email and can then follow the steps below:

1. Students/parents/guardians can electronically make a payment through the STAR system (WVU's student account system) by credit card or an electronic check by logging into the student's WVU Portal account. The system is available nearly 24 hours a day and all payments are posted in real-time. Online payment is secure, fast, and easy!

To pay online once you have been admitted and enrolled in SRVL 293 follow the steps below:

1. Click on the link: <https://portal.wvu.edu/>
2. Sign in using your WVU issued Username and Password associated with your account
3. Click on the "STAR" tab
4. Under the main menu, click on the "Student Services and Housing Link"
5. Click on the "Student Accounts" link
6. Click on the "Electronic Bill by Term/Make Payment" link
7. Select the Term and scroll to the bottom and click "Pay Now"
8. All payments must be made through the student's WVU Portal.

If you are experiencing trouble with making a payment, or are interested in finding out more about payment plan options, select the "Contact Us" tab on the Mountaineer HUB website, then select "Request Assistance Now." Here is the website: <http://mountaineerhub.wvu.edu/>

FAQs

What is SRVL? SRVL is the discipline code for service-learning. Service-learning is a method of teaching that incorporates volunteer service and nonprofit work with theories and reflection.

Who will teach this course? This course is team taught online and in person at camp by professors in the Center for Service and Learning and the Boys State staff.

How do I learn more about volunteering at WVU? You can visit <http://iserve.wvu.edu> to see all the great opportunities!

How do I learn more about High School Access? Visit <https://www.access.wvu.edu/> to learn more!

How much will this course cost? When WVU courses are offered to high school students, a reduced tuition structure is applied. The high school tuition for each academic term is only **\$75 per credit hour**. (\$150 total for this course.)