



## PSYC 450 Positive Psychology: The Science of Behavioral Change

### Course Syllabus Spring Semester 2026

**Instructor:** John L. Dennis, Ph.D.

**Credits:** 3

**Contact Hours:** 45

**Prerequisites:** None

**Class Hours:** Mondays & Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am

**Office Hours:** By appointment, use the [Calendly link](#) to reserve your meeting.

**Email:**

**Course Type:** Course with a Service Learning component

**Lab/Site-Visits Fee:** USD 30.00

*“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.” - Carl Sagan*

*“If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?” – Albert Einstein*

### Course Description

This course introduces students to the foundational concepts and emerging developments in **positive psychology**, a field focused on understanding, testing, discovering, and promoting the factors that enable individuals and communities to thrive (Sheldon et al., 2000). Positive psychology scientifically examines **well-being, happiness, flow, personal strengths, compassion, creativity**, and the characteristics of groups and institutions that foster positive growth. Moving beyond an exclusive focus on individual happiness, this field emphasizes flourishing at both individual and group levels, highlighting the interconnected nature of well-being.

The course is divided into two parts. The **first part** explores key theories and research, providing a foundation for understanding positive psychology's core principles. The **second part** addresses theoretical conflicts and their practical applications, encouraging critical thinking and real-world problem-solving. Each session incorporates service learning exercises to enhance personal well-being and provide opportunities to apply course concepts to real-life scenarios.

By the end of the course, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of positive psychology concepts and their relevance to personal and group flourishing. They will also develop practical skills in applying these ideas to promote well-being and resilience. Particular emphasis is placed on exploring how improving individual well-being contributes to group success, and vice versa.

A central component of the course is the **Service Learning Project**, which enables students to apply positive psychology principles to assist **Psicologia per i Popoli Umbria** in achieving its mission. This project provides students with hands-on experience fostering growth and thriving within a real-world organizational context, reinforcing their ability to connect theory to practice.

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Measures

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Measures
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Reflect on positive psychology concepts	Class Discussion, Presentations, Podcast
Develop applicable critical thinking skills regarding positive psychology concepts	Tickets, Class Discussion
Generate effective leadership skills	Presentations, Service Learning Project
Analyze how organizations and the people within them work	Ticket, Service Learning Project
Design a project with a community partner that applies positive psychology concepts as viable solutions for a well-defined issue	Service Learning Project, Podcast
Create and broadcast materials that will help students to start thinking about their future careers	Class Discussion, Podcast, Community Engagement Presentations

## Course Materials

Books (selected chapters) - The “mashups”

### **The Happiness-Flow Connection: A Blueprint for Thriving**

Focus: subjective well-being & optimal experience.

Lyubomirsky, S. (2007). *The how of happiness: A scientific approach to getting the life you want*. Penguin Press.

Czikszentmihalyi, M. (1990). *Flow: The psychology of optimal experience*. Harper & Row.

### **Harnessing the Whole Self: Balancing Darkness and Discipline**

Focus: integrating strengths, weaknesses, and discipline.

Kashdan, T. & Biswas-Diener, R. (2014). *The upside of your dark side: Why your whole self - not just your “good” self - drives success and fulfillment*. Random House.

Manz, C. (2003). *Emotional discipline: The power to choose how you feel; 5 life changing steps to feeling better every day*. Berrett-Koehler Publishers.

### **The Essence of Meaning: From Survival to Significance**

Focus: existential and philosophical grounding.

Frankl, V. E. (2014). *Man's search for meaning*. Beacon Press.

Wolf, S. (2012). *Meaning in life and why it matters*. Princeton University Press.

### **Evolving Self-Actualization: From Being to Transcendence**

Focus: human potential & transcendence.

Maslow, A. H. (2018). *Toward a psychology of being*. Wilder Publications.

Kaufman, S. B. (2021). *Transcend: The new science of self-actualization*. Penguin.

### **Well-Being Under Stress: Positive Psychology Meets Resilience Science**

Focus: resilience and flourishing in adversity

Seligman, M. E. P. (2011). *Flourish: A visionary new understanding of happiness and well-being*. Free Press.

Southwick, S. M., & Charney, D. S. (2012). *Resilience: The science of mastering life's greatest challenges*. Cambridge University Press.

All the required chapters will be available online on the course Google Drive.

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## Instruction Methods

This course employs a flipped classroom instructional method, in which students acquire foundational knowledge before each session. During class, students actively engage in clarifying and applying their new knowledge through interactive activities, with the professor serving as a facilitator to guide the process.

## Assignments and Tools for Collaborative Learning

The following cooperative tools support the flipped classroom approach and ensure active participation:

1. **Tickets:**  
Students will write and submit brief reactions (250–500 words) to assigned readings via Google Drive at least 24 hours before class.
2. **Peer Reviews:**  
Students will review Tickets, and other with materials submitted by their peers to foster collaborative learning and diverse perspectives.
3. **Guided Discussions:**  
Students will lportions of classroom discussions through mini-presentations based on readings, exercises, case studies, and individual or team assignments.

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## Formatting Guidelines for Written Submissions

- **Font:** 12-point Garamond
- **Spacing:** Single-spaced
- **Alignment:** Justified
- **Header Information:**  
Each submitted file must include the following details in the top left corner of the first page:
  - [Specify the required details, e.g., Name, Date, Assignment Title]

*First Name Last Name*

*File type (e.g., Ticket #1, Podcast)*

*Book section name, article title, or Podcast title*

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## Laptop/Smartphone Policy

Research consistently shows that open laptops and smartphones in the classroom create distractions, both visually and audibly, not only for the users but also for those around them. Additionally, typing notes often leads to less cognitive processing compared to handwriting, as the speed of typing can hinder deeper engagement with the material.

For these reasons, students are asked to refrain from using computers and phones during class and instead take notes using a regular notebook. However, the following exceptions apply:

1. **Accommodations:** If you have a vision impairment or other documented accommodation that requires the use of a device.
2. **Tablets for Note-Taking:** If you are using a tablet specifically for note-taking, provided it is not connected to the internet during class.
3. **In-Class Tutorials:** During in-class tutorials focused on online research tools or similar activities.
4. **Special Permission:** If you discuss your specific need to use a laptop during class with me during office hours and receive approval.

This policy is intended to enhance focus, participation, and learning for all students.

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## Assessments

Attendance	10%
Tickets	25%
Podcast	20%
Peer Reviews	20%
Service Learning Project	20%
Community Engagement Presentation	5%

### Attendance (10%)

Student attendance is mandatory for all courses at the Umbra Institute (see below [Attendance Policy](#)).

### Tickets (20%)

Students will submit one ticket (about 500 words) per reading. Odd-numbered tickets will be completed in class, while even-numbered tickets will be submitted online to Google Drive at least 24 hours before class. See the [ticket rubric](#) to understand better what is expected of you. For articles and book chapters, tickets must answer the following 4 W's:

1. **What** was the reading's main question in a single sentence?
2. **What** was done/discussed, and what did they find?
3. **How** does the reading relate to other readings, in-class discussions, and/or class projects?
4. **Which** part of the reading did you find useful or are you critical of?

The first two "W's" are designed to help students recall the key points from the reading, while the last two "W's" encourage them to integrate their experiences and thoughts with the material. Remember, you are writing for your future self, so it's crucial to include examples, definitions, and context. Write in a way that allows you to reconstruct the reading and its significance, even if you revisit your ticket five years from now.

After your ticket has been peer-reviewed, you will need to revise it based on feedback and submit it for a final review. Keep in mind that tickets must be between 250–500 words. Rather than summarizing the entire reading, focus on the part you found most engaging or thought-provoking. For additional guidance, refer to the detailed prompt available on Moodle.

### Podcast (15%)

Students will work in groups of 3-4 to submit one podcast entry (about 7 minutes) to Google Drive based on classroom experiences during the semester. We will periodically use class time to create a Podcast notes page, then divide the class into groups and work during class time to develop podcasts according to our Podcast schedule, which will be shared with you at the beginning of the semester.

Podcasts will follow the [Podcast hourglass structure](#), which includes:

1. A narrative story that creates conflict.
2. Core concepts from the readings.
3. Implications of those concepts.
4. A narrative story that helps resolve the conflict for listeners.

Podcasts will always include concepts from the readings, but the narrative story can be based on the Service Learning Project, interviews with other MPP professors, other students, Italian UNIPG students, or any other exercise, discussion, etc., that occurs inside and outside the classroom. Once the Podcast has been reviewed and approved, it will be submitted for publication on the Umbra Institute podcast channel. Please see Moodle for a detailed prompt.

## Peer Reviews (20%)

Student pairs will review Presentations, Tickets submitted by fellow students, and Podcast entries. Reviews should consist of helpful and constructive comments, providing "additive feedback" by making suggestions about what the writer might add or develop further.

Students are responsible for completing one Ticket peer review per class. Podcast reviews and presentation reviews will be assigned during the semester. For presentation reviews, two randomly assigned students will review presentations to help improve them. A signup sheet for all peer reviews will be shared on Google Drive.

Reviews are due within 48 hours of when the document you are reviewing has been submitted to Google Drive or completed in class. Please use the [peer review guidelines and rubric](#). For detailed prompts, please see Moodle.

## Service Learning Project (20%)

For this project, students will work collaboratively as a team with **Psicologia per i Popoli Umbria**, utilizing interviews, observations, and/or surveys to address the following questions:

1. **Identify the Problem:** What is the nature of the area in need of improvement?
2. **Analyze Causes:** What are the underlying causes of the issue?
3. **Apply Concepts:** How can organizational behavior principles be applied and extended to address the problem?
4. **Action Steps:** What specific actions should the organization take to resolve the issue?
5. **Implement Changes:** What changes should be implemented to achieve improvement?
6. **Anticipate Challenges:** What barriers, obstacles, or challenges might arise?
7. **Evaluate Risks:** What are the risks, costs, and potential unintended consequences of your recommendations?
8. **Communicate Findings:** How will you present your findings to the organization and address potential resistance?

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## Guidelines for Participation and Grading

- **Ongoing Engagement:** Grading for the Service Learning Project is based on regular, active participation throughout the semester.
- **Collaboration Tools:** It is highly recommended to use Notes pages within Google Drive to document and organize information gathered for the project.
  - Notes can include article summaries, links to videos, images, interviews, and other relevant materials.
- **Class Discussions:** Teams will regularly engage with the above questions during class to refine their insights and recommendations.

For further details, please refer to the detailed prompt available on Moodle.

## End of Semester Community Engagement Presentations (5%)

During **Special Academic Events Week**, the class will deliver a 15-minute presentation summarizing the project experience to the Umbra community. This will take place during the **Community Engagement Presentations** on **Thursday, April 23**.

Guidelines and the presentation order will be provided after the mid-semester break. **Participation in this event is mandatory** and constitutes an essential component of the community engagement grade.

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## Additional Notes

### Feedback and Questions

This course is designed to be a valuable learning experience for all students. Feedback is welcome at any time during the semester. The professor can be reached most easily via email or in person before or after class. Students may also schedule an appointment if needed.

## Email Policy

The professor responds to emails between *12:30 PM and 6:30 PM, Monday to Thursday*. Please plan your correspondence accordingly.

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## Participation

Active participation is essential for this course, which revolves around reading, interpreting, and collectively discussing the assigned materials. Success in participation means this:

1. **Being Present:** Attendance is crucial, as your insights and contributions enrich the class. Absences will negatively impact your participation grade. If you are absent, coordinate with a classmate to obtain notes, assignments, and handouts.
2. **Being Punctual:** Arriving on time demonstrates respect for your peers and the learning environment. If you anticipate being late, notify the professor at least 24 hours in advance.
3. **Being Prepared:** Ensure you have thoroughly completed all assigned work (readings, tickets, cases, exercises) before class. If you are unclear about upcoming assignments, ask in advance.
4. **Being Brave:** Contribute fully to discussions and activities, share your views, and ask questions. While speaking up can be intimidating, it enriches the discussion and benefits the entire class.
5. **Being Courteous:** Listen attentively to classmates and respond thoughtfully to their ideas. Disagreements should be expressed kindly and constructively, as they often spark meaningful dialogue.

**Note:** If participating in large group discussions is challenging for you, speak with the professor early in the semester. Together, you can develop strategies to build confidence and ensure meaningful participation. For questions about your participation grade, schedule an appointment during office hours before the semester ends.

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## Broadcasting

Over the semester, students will refine their work to a professional level, honing their skills to produce materials that are "so good they can't be ignored" (*So Good They Can't Ignore You* by Cal Newport). Exceptional projects—such as documents, videos, or photos—may be featured online, including on platforms like LinkedIn, Twitter, or Slideshare.

The goal of this broadcasting initiative is to encourage students to create career-focused materials and adopt an entrepreneurial mindset, as outlined in *The Start-Up of You* by Reid Hoffman and Ben Casnocha. These activities aim to help students think strategically about their career development and personal branding.

## Peer-Reviewed Research-Based Article

This course includes a unique opportunity for students to contribute to a project that may result in the submission of a peer-reviewed article after the semester concludes. Participation requires a commitment of approximately one hour per week and includes bi-weekly Zoom meetings (or as needed) at a mutually convenient time.

- **Authorship:** Students who contribute will be listed as first authors, in line with the professor's practice.
- **Skills Development:** You will learn to read and summarize original research articles, as well as organize the Service Learning Project following APA guidelines.
- **Opportunities:** Students may submit their work for institutional recognition, such as an honors thesis, and potentially present at international conferences. The professor will provide guidance on applying for funding to support these opportunities.

For more information, refer to the detailed guidelines on Moodle.

## Important Policies: Exams, Assignments, and Grading

- **Responsibility for Deadlines:** Students are responsible for keeping track of exam dates and assignment deadlines.
- **No Alternative Exam Dates:** Exams will only be held on the scheduled dates, and no alternative dates will be offered.
- **Late Work Policy:** Professors are not obligated to provide partial credit for late submissions. The Institute's default policy is to award a zero for any work submitted past the deadline, though individual professors may offer extensions at their discretion.
- **Travel Conflicts:** Students who book travel during an exam or assessment must adjust their plans or accept a zero for the missed work.

## Grading Scale

Letter grades for all student work will be determined using the following percentage scale:

Letter Grade Range	Numerical Score Equivalent	Student Performance
A A-	93% - 100% 90% - 92%	Exceptional Excellent
B+ B B	87% - 89% 83% - 86% 80% - 82%	Superior
C+ C C	77% - 79% 73% - 76% 70% - 72%	Satisfactory
D+ D D	67% - 69% 63% - 66% 60% - 62%	Low Pass
F	59% or less	Fail (no credit)

## Grading Policies

### Rounding Policy

Numerical grades will be rounded as follows: decimal values **1-4 are rounded down**, while **5-9 are rounded up**. For example:

- A grade of **89.4** will be rounded to **89.0**.
- A grade of **89.5** will be rounded to **90.0**.

### Extensions and Late Work

- **Late Submissions:** Any work submitted after the deadline will receive a grade of **zero**. Partial credit will not be given.
- **Extension Policy:** Each student is allowed **one 24-hour extension** during the semester, which may be used for any assignment **except the final project**. To use this extension, students must email the instructor **before the deadline**.
- **Late Work Beyond Extension:** Work submitted after the 24-hour extension period will also receive a grade of zero.

- **Exceptions:** Extensions or accommodations for late work may be granted by the Director for medical emergencies, special accommodations, or other legitimate reasons.

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## Attendance Policy

See [Academic Policies](#) for policies regarding excused absences, religious observances, field trips, as well as attendance for tests and deadlines for graded assignments, etc. Unexcused absences and tardiness reduce a student's final grade (2 points per absence, 0.5 per tardy, with exceptions for mandatory field trips), and excessive absences may lead to failure or disciplinary action.

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## Tardiness Policy

Students are expected to arrive on time for all classes.

- **Tardiness:** Arriving up to **15 minutes late** or leaving up to **15 minutes early** will result in a **0.5% deduction from the final grade** for each occurrence.
- **Excessive Tardiness:** Arriving more than 15 minutes late or leaving more than 15 minutes early will be recorded as an unexcused absence.
- **Remaining in Class:** Students are expected to remain present for the duration of the session, except for reasonable restroom breaks. Leaving class and not returning will result in an unexcused absence or a late penalty.

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## Academic Integrity

All forms of academic dishonesty, including:

- **Cheating:** Using unauthorized notes or copying from another student during exams.
- **Plagiarism:** Presenting another person's ideas or words as one's own without proper citation.
- **AI Use:** Submitting content generated by ChatGPT or other AI tools as part of an assignment constitutes plagiarism. Students found using such platforms will face the same consequences as other plagiarism cases, per the Institute's Academic Policy and Conduct Guidelines.

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## Classroom Policy

Students are expected to adhere to Institute policies and respect the historical premises of the school.

- **Cell Phones:** Must be set to silent mode before class begins.
- **Electronics:** Computers and electronic devices are only permitted for note-taking or specific academic purposes approved in advance. Unauthorized use during lectures or discussions is prohibited. Earbuds are not permitted during class.

These policies are designed to maintain a productive learning environment and uphold academic integrity. For additional details, please refer to the Institute's Academic Policies and Conduct Guidelines.

## Schedule of Topics, Readings, and Assignments

### **WEEK 1**

#### **DAY 1**

*Introduction and Course Overview*

*Service Learning Project Introduction:* In-class SLP Intro presentation by Manuel Barbato & Margherita Garilli;

#### **DAY 2**

**Readings:** **Well-Being Under Stress: Flourish, Seligman, Chapter 1**

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 1 - In class

*Podcast:* Concepts discussed and initial notes due on GoogleDrive

### **WEEK 2**

#### **DAY 1**

**Readings:** **The Happiness-Flow Connection: The How of Happiness, Lyubomirsky, Chapters 1 & 4**

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 2 - GoogleDrive

#### **DAY 2**

*Service Learning Project* Discussion of Protezione Civile and Campo Scuola *with Daniele Ramazzotti, president of Psicologi per i Popoli Umbria;* Preparing for site visit

*Podcast:* Updated notes due on GoogleDrive

#### **DAY 3**

*Service Learning Project - Friday, Jan., 30, 9:00am:* Visit Psicologi per i Popoli/Protezione Civile Nazionale, Foligno- A detailed itinerary will be sent early this week.

### **WEEK 3**

#### **DAY 1**

*Service Learning Project:* Debrief site visit

**Readings:** **Well-Being Under Stress: Southwick & Charney, Resilience, Chapter 2**

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 3 - GoogleDrive

*Service Learning Project:* Work through the project.

#### **DAY 2**

**Readings:** **Harnessing the Whole Self: Kashdan, The upside of your dark side, Chapter 1**

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 4 - GoogleDrive

### **WEEK 4**

#### **DAY 1**

**Readings:** **Harnessing the Whole Self: Manz, Emotional discipline, Chapter 1**

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 5 - In class

#### **DAY 2**

**Readings:** **The Essence of Meaning: Frankl, Man's search for meaning, Part One, pages 15-45**

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 6 – GoogleDrive

*Podcast:* Updated notes due on GoogleDrive

## WEEK 5

DAY 1 **Readings:** The Essence of Meaning: Wolf, Meaning in life and why it matters, Chapter 1

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 7 - In class

*Service Learning Project:* Work through the project.

DAY 2 **Reading:** Evolving Self-Actualization: Maslow, Toward a psychology of being, Chapter 2

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 8 – GoogleDrive

*Podcasts:* Concepts discussed and 1<sup>st</sup> draft due on GoogleDrive

*Service Learning Project:* Work through the project.

## WEEK 6

DAY 1 **Readings:** Evolving Self-Actualization: Kaufman, Transcend, Chapters 1 & 3

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 9 - GoogleDrive

*Service Learning Project:* Work through the project

DAY 2 *Service Learning Project:* Work through the project

## SEMESTER BREAK

## WEEK 7

DAY 1 **Readings:** The Essence of Meaning: Frankl, Man's search for meaning, Logotherapy in a Nutshell

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 10 - In class

*Service Learning Project:* Making progress.

DAY 2 **Readings:** The Happiness-Flow Connection: The How of Happiness, Lyubomirsky, Chapter 6

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 11 - GoogleDrive

*Podcast:* Concepts discussed and 2<sup>nd</sup> draft due on GoogleDrive

## WEEK 8

DAY 1 **Readings:** Evolving Self-Actualization: Kaufman, Transcend, Chapter 7

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 12 - In class

*Podcasts:* Group work on podcasts

DAY 2 *Service Learning Project:* In-class check-in with the partner.

**Readings:** The Happiness-Flow Connection: Flow, Czikszentmihalyi, Chapters 3

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 13 - GoogleDrive

## WEEK 9

DAY 1 No class

DAY 2 Online Class  
**Readings:** **Harnessing the Whole Self: Kashdan, The upside of your dark side, Chapter 5**

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 14 - In class

*Podcast:* Concepts discussed and 3<sup>rd</sup> draft due on GoogleDrive

## WEEK 10

DAY 1 **Readings:** **Harnessing the Whole Self: Manz, Emotional discipline, Chapters 5**

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 15 - GoogleDrive

*Service Learning Project Development:* Making progress.

*Podcast:* Start recordings.

DAY 2 **Readings:** **The Happiness-Flow Connection: Flow, Czikszentmihalyi, Chapter 4**

*Tickets & Peer Review:* Ticket 16 - In class

*Service Learning Project:* Making progress.

## WEEK 11

DAY 1 *Easter Monday - No Class*

DAY 2 *Service Learning Project:* Work on the presentation for the partner

*Podcast:* Continue recordings.

## WEEK 12

DAY 1 *Service Learning Project:* Presentation for partner in class

DAY 2 *Tickets:* Final versions with all revisions due.

## WEEK 13

DAY 1 *Podcast:* Final Recordings due  
*Service Learning Project:* Practice Presentation for Community Engagement

DAY 2 *Service Learning Project:* Practice Presentation for Community Engagement



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## **Service Learning Project**

### **Syllabus Appendix**

### **Spring 2026**

#### **Service Learning Project Overview**

**Service learning** is a form of experiential education integrated into a course where students:

- Engage in an organized activity or project designed to address a community need identified in collaboration with a community partner.
- Critically reflect on the connection between their community experience, course content, and learning goals.
- Participate in reciprocal learning, benefiting both the students and the community partners.

Successful service learning requires students to be flexible, creative, and self-initiated. Organization and open communication with the professor and team members are crucial for student success.

#### **Service Learning Project Overview**

##### **Community Partner: Psicologi per i Popoli**

Psicologi per i Popoli – Federazione is a national volunteer organization with over 25 years of experience providing psychological support in emergency and post-emergency settings. Their work focuses on promoting community resilience, psychosocial well-being, and dignity in the face of disaster, trauma, and social stress. The organization collaborates with national and international institutions and is officially recognized by Italy's Dipartimento della Protezione Civile for emergency response.

This partnership offers students the opportunity to explore the role of positive psychology in contexts of crisis recovery, community engagement, and emotional resilience. Through observation, dialogue, and applied research, students will contribute to projects that support both the mission of Psicologi per i Popoli and the communities they serve.

##### **Project Description and Goals**

Students will be engaged in a research-informed, field-based project that may include:

- Observational and conversational phases focused on the psychosocial dynamics of community-based initiatives supported by Psicologi per i Popoli.
- Reflective analysis of the challenges and strengths present in these contexts.
- Preparation of a collaborative document that synthesizes findings and proposes actionable suggestions

grounded in positive psychology—targeting themes such as emotional resilience, prosocial behavior, meaning-making, and well-being under stress.

The ultimate goal is to offer thoughtful, respectful contributions that can help enhance interpersonal environments, team functioning, and emotional support mechanisms within the organization's network or its specific projects.

## **Organization, Expectations, and Roles**

Students will be organized into self-selected teams. While in-class time will be allocated for project development, students will also meet outside class for approximately 1–2 hours per week over a four-week period.

Each team is expected to:

- Share responsibilities equally.
- Document their process and reflections.
- Maintain respectful, professional communication with any members of Psicologi per i Popoli they encounter.
- Work collaboratively and ethically, in alignment with the principles of both The Umbra Institute and the community partner.

This partnership represents a unique opportunity to apply psychological theory to real-world challenges, gain intercultural experience, and contribute meaningfully to a longstanding humanitarian mission.

## **End of Semester Community Engagement Presentation**

During Special Academic Events Week, the class will present a 15-minute summary of the project experience to the Umbra community during the Community Engagement Presentations on **Thursday, April 23** (the final week of the program). Guidelines and presentation order will be provided after the mid-semester break.

### **Presentation Structure:**

- Introduce the community partner.
- Describe the project.
- Discuss takeaways and challenges.
- Include a meaningful activity related to course topics (optional and should not exceed five minutes).

Participation in this event is mandatory and is a key component of the community engagement grade.

## **Grading Rubric**

The service learning project, including the final presentation, accounts for 25% of the final course grade. This is divided into three categories, each worth 8.33% of the final grade:

- Construction of the learning project.
- Execution of the learning project.
- End of Semester Community Engagement Presentation.