

→ A week at Unis-Cité

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Given the diversity of the corps members' projects, it seems like no two weeks are alike at Unis-Cité. But one thing is constant: all corps members devote 80% of their time to service and active citizenship in the community, and 20% to preparing "life after Unis-Cité".

From Monday to Thursday: service in the community

- **Community initiatives:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Corps members acting in teams of 6 to 8, led by a team leader, engage in a series of projects that last from 6 to 8 weeks each, for the benefit of community and environmental organizations, homes for the elderly, schools, youth centers, shelters, etc.
- **A year-long project:** Wednesdays. To complement these projects, one day a week corps members engage in a long-term service project. This allows corps members to create an in-depth relationship with a particular group (the elderly, political refugees, disadvantaged children, etc.) over the course of a six or 9-month period.

Fridays: preparing for life after Unis-Cité

- **Preparing for active citizenship:** Drawing on the projects conducted during the week, team leaders and other Unis-Cité staff engage corps members in reflecting, debating and problem-solving around pressing social issues.
- **Preparing for professional life:** Sessions are designed to provide support for each corps member in determining his or her plans for entering the work-force or pursuing training or higher education. Basic skills in job search techniques, including interviewing and computer skills, are provided according to corps members' needs. The final month of the Unis-Cité year is devoted to an internship in an area of each corps member's choosing.

Key moments throughout the year

- **Corps member welcome week:** in each region, over the course of a week in the fall, corps members get to know one another and prepare for their year of service.
- **Annual national corps member gathering in early March:** corps members from Unis-Cité's ten sites gather to engage in the community as a group, and to exchange experiences and ideas with each other and with prestigious speakers from the public and private sectors.
- **Spring "Big Service Days":** these events are a call to all citizens, especially young ones, to join in a day of action and celebration of civic engagement. Unis-Cité corps members engage actively in preparing the "Big Service Days" and join in service alongside the "corps members for a day".
- **Graduation ceremonies early July:** during this celebration of the year's accomplishments, each corps member is recognized and receives his or her certificate testifying to the completion of Unis-Cité's volunteer service program.

