

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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The Minor Program in Civic Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship (18 credits)

The minor in Civic Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship (CESE) is an interdisciplinary program open to all students interested in issues of social and political justice; business and economic opportunity; equal access to education, health care and the arts; and environmental conservation as well as cross-cultural understanding both within the United States and internationally. Through interdisciplinary study and service, students will become proactive citizens who find creative and practical solutions to local, national and global problems. Students will be able to use their liberal arts education in combination with a variety of business, writing and research skills to create an original project that will seek to remedy clearly defined social, cultural or economic problems. This program is intended for students who have an interest in social entrepreneurship and community service and who desire interdisciplinary knowledge which can transform and make a difference in society. Some courses offered include a service learning component.

Program Objectives:

1. To provide students with the interdisciplinary knowledge and skills needed to study, research and find innovative solutions to contemporary problems.
2. To help students to understand social entrepreneurship theory and development as it is practiced locally, nationally and globally.
3. To offer students an opportunity to study contemporary issues and their solutions through community based problem solving and service learning.

Program Requirements:

Students will work with the program director to select courses and a community project.

1. A minimum of 18 credits are required to complete the minor, including the capstone course IDST 470.
2. Core requirements: BUSN 340, ENGL 454W, and IDST 470.
3. Select three approved electives (9 credits) in a field of special interest from two different disciplines.
4. Special topics and other courses can be used if pre-approved by the program director.

Core

BUSN 340	Non-Profit as Business Enterprise*
ENGL 454	WI: Public Relations and Grants: Writing for Civic Engagement*
IDST 470	Seminar in Civic Engagement & Social Entrepreneurship*

Electives

BIOL 115	Topics in Ecology and the Environment
ECON 200	The Economic Way of Thinking
ECON 310	Economics in the Public Sector
ECON 351	Urban Economics
HIST 341	The Long Civil Rights Movement
LDSP 384	Leading Change
MUSC 261	Opera Workshop
PHIL 304	Ethics and Current Value Questions
PHIL 315	Philosophy of Gender
POLS 215	Comparative and International Politics
POLS 291	Community Service Internship
PSYC 303	Industrial and Organizational Psychology
PSYC 304	Social Psychology
PSYC 313	Human Relations in Organizations
PSYC 340	Adult Development and Aging
PSYC 521**	Reading Acquisition and Development
RSTD 318	Interfaith Studies
SOCL 201	Globalization and Society
SOCL 205	Identity, Community and the Individual
SOCL 314	Education, Culture and Society
SOCL 315	Health and Healing
SOCL 316	Racial and Ethnic Relations
SOCL 325	Food and Culture
SOCL 377	Women, Gender, and Culture
SOWK 374	Addiction, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery
SPAN 330	Spanish in the Community

*service learning course

** graduate level course

THE CURRICULUM IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

IDST 470. Seminar in Civic Engagement & Social Entrepreneurship (3-0-3)

Prerequisites: BUSN 340 and ENGL 454.

This is the capstone course for the minor in civic engagement and social entrepreneurship. This seminar draws on course work and experiential learning in the minor. Students will: identify a community need; develop a partnership with a community agency which has a global, national or community mission and provide semester long service hours; create a project proposal of research and innovative action; and complete and present a reflective paper on the project. This service-learning course requires a minimum of 40 service hours and counts for 40 hours toward Service Distinction.