CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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/or 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 open to all majors and 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 a co-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: SOWK 217, ENGL 454W, IDST 470 and BUSN 340.
3. Select two approved electives (6 credits) in a field of special interest from two different disciplines.
4. Special topics and other courses can be used if pre-approved by a co-director.

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IDST 470. Seminar in Civic Engagement & Social Entrepreneurship (3-0-3) [formerly SOWK 470, equivalent]
Prerequisites: SOWK 216 or 217 and 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.

The following course descriptions appear in appropriate sections throughout the catalog.

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*
SOWK 217  Diversity and Cultural Competence

Electives
BIOL 115  Topics in Ecology and the Environment
GOVT 215  Comparative and International Politics
GOVT 291  Community Service Internship
HIST 341  The Long Civil Rights Movement
LDST 384  Leading Change
MUSC 261  Opera Workshop
PHIL 304  Ethics and Current Value Questions
PHIL 315  Philosophy of Gender
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  Theologies of Religious Pluralism
SOC 201  Globalization and Society
SOC 205  Identity, Community and the Individual
SOC 305  Sociology of Aging
SOC 314  Education, Culture and Society
SOC 315  Health and Healing
SOC 316  Racial and Ethnic Relations
SOC 318  Social Problems
SOC 325  Food and Culture
SOC 377  Women, Gender, and Culture
SOWK 200  Volunteer Services
SOWK 369  Child and Family Welfare
SOWK 374  Addition, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

*service learning course  ** graduate level course