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
- LDS 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 Addition, 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.