

Civic and Community Engagement - Certificate of Specialization

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

Program Description:

Provides a cross-disciplinary foundation of civic and community engagement related to broader issues of social justice, including ways to sustain democratic society through civility, citizenship, and community service. Various theoretical perspectives create a diverse overview of the concept of civic engagement, especially as related to social, cultural, philosophical, and political perspectives.

Program SLO:

Students will be able to examine the key foundations of civic and community engagement in American society and discuss how they relate to the principles of democracy, citizenship, social capital, and public work in combating social problems.

Important Information: For students interested in earning an Associate's degree and/or transfer, please follow up with the Counseling Office for additional information @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661)362-3288/(661)362-3811.

This Certificate aligns nicely with the CSUN Minor in Civic and Community Engagement. For more information, visit the [CSUN Program](#). With its completion, students will fulfill nine (9) units of required lower-division coursework for the minor while attending COC. The remaining nine (9) upper-division units will be completed upon transfer to CSUN.

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Community Based Learning Department](#).

First Semester (3-9 units minimum) FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer

Course	Title	Units	Major Courses
CCE 200	Introduction to Civic and Community Engagement (FA)	3	Major
CCE 201	Introduction to Community-Based Learning (FA, SP)	3	Major
SOCI 207	Social Problems (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major
Group 1 Course	Select one course from two of the four categories listed in the table below (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major
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Term Total:		15	

Total Units: 15

Group 1 Courses: Take six units from the following. Select one course from two of the four categories below.

Category 1: Gender, Sexuality, and Diversity

COMS 260	Communication and Gender (FA, SP, SU)	3
ECE 102	Child, Family, and Community (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
HIST 120/120H	The Role of Women in the History of the United States (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
POLISC 290	Ethnic & Gender Roles (SP)	3
PSYCH 235	Psychology of Gender Roles (FA, SP, SU)	3
SOCI 105	Multiculturalism in the United States (FA, SP, SU)	3
SOCI 130	Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies (FA, SP)	
SOCI 200/200H	Introduction to Women's Studies (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3

Category 2: Culture, Race, and Ethnicity

ANTHRO 103/103H	Cultural Anthropology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
BIOSCI 130	Contemporary Issues in Environmental Biology (FA, SP)	3
COMS 256	Intercultural Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
GEOGRPH 102	Cultural Geography (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
HIST 111/111H	United States History I (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
HIST 112/112H	United States History II (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
HIST 130	Social and Cultural History of the United States (FA, SP, SU)	3
HIST 243	History of Mexico and the Mexican and Chicano Peoples (SP)	3
HUMAN 100	Introduction to Studies in the Humanities (FA, SP, SU)	3
SIGN 110	American Deaf Culture (FA, SU)	3
SOCI 106	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (FA, SP)	3
SOCI 107	Introduction to Chicana/o Culture (FA, SP)	3

Category 3: Ethics, Law, and Communication

BUS 211	Business Law (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
COMS 105/105H	Fundamentals in Public Speaking (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
MEA 100	Mass Media and Society (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
PARLGL 101	Introduction to Law (FA, SP, SU)	3
PHILOS 120	Introduction to Ethics (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
PHILOS 130	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy (FA)	3
PHILOS 240	Contemporary Moral Problems (FA)	3

Category 4: Inequality, Equity, and Critical Thinking

ENGL 103/103H	Critical Reading, Writing & Thinking (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
PHILOS 106	Critical Reasoning (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
POLISCI 150/150H	Introduction to American Government and Politics (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
POLISCI 250	Comparative Government & Politics (FA, SP)	3
SOCI 101/101H	Introduction to Sociology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
SOCI 104	Introduction to Social Justice Studies (FA, SP)	3
SOCI 108	Thinking Critically About Social Issues (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3

Counseling Resources

Civic Engagement: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/learning/civic-engagement/index.php>

Community Based Learning: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/learning/>

Counseling Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php>

Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors>

Campus Alliances: <https://www.canyons.edu/administration/ie2/equity/alliances.php>

National Society of Leadership and Success: <https://www.nsls.org/>

CSUN Civic and Community Engagement Minor: <https://catalog.csun.edu/academics/cce/programs/minor-civic-and-community-engagement/>

Petition for Certificate – Petitions are due in the fall/spring/summer term you will complete the requirements, and may be submitted before your last term or up until the final day of the term. Petitions must reviewed with a counselor and may be downloaded here:

https://www.canyons.edu/_resources/documents/student-services/admissions/Petition_for_Certificate_of_Specialization.pdf

Career Resources

California Career Zone: <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

O*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov

Professional Associations:

Brining Theory to Practice: <https://bttop.org/>

Imagining America: <https://imaginingamerica.org/>

Students Learn Students Vote Coalition: <https://slsvcoalition.org/>

Kettering Foundation: <https://www.kettering.org/>

All IN Campus Democracy Challenge: <https://allinchallenge.org/>

National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE): <https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve>

National Issues Forum Institute: <https://www.nifi.org/>

Campus Compact: <https://compact.org/>

California Campus Compact: <http://cacampuscompact.org/>