

Advising Cheat Sheet for Civic Engagement

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The Civic Engagement (CE) Cornerstone can be fulfilled by taking a CE-designated course or by completing an independent CE project.

CE Courses

The following majors and minors currently have civic engagement courses in the catalog. Please check BoxerOnline or ask the department for details on when their courses are offered.

Anthropology	Peace & Social Justice
Applied Theatre	Philosophy
Business Administration	Politics & Government
Disability Studies	Psychology
Education	Public Health
English	Spanish
Exercise Science	Sociology
Gender and Sexuality Studies	Social Work
Media Arts	World Languages

Interdisciplinary CE Courses

CIV 233 Healthy Communities
 CIV 255 Habitat for Humanity
 CIV 255 Food for Thought & Action (pending approval)
 CIV 255 Sustainable Senegal
 CIV 212 Hands On Hawaii
 CIV 317 Grant Writing and Non-Profit Fundraising

CE Projects

Students have several options for a CE project: CIV 110, CIV 111, CIV 109 + CIV 110, or CIV 109 + CIV 111. Civic engagement projects combine academic learning (related to disciplinary concepts/skills) with action (such as service, advocacy, awareness-raising, community-based research, campaigning, or activism) to address a significant social or environmental issue in the community (e.g. immigration, education, pollution, injustice, etc.). Students design their own projects, which entail approximately 40 hours of action and associated academic work sponsored by a faculty member. For all CE Projects (CIV 109, CIV 110, or CIV 111):

- Faculty sponsor is required (akin to independent study); faculty member should be knowledgeable about academic area of focus for the CE project
- Students are encouraged to take a CE course when possible due to the benefit students gain from a shared civic engagement experience and faculty workload issues.
- Proposal / application is required (completed by student in conjunction with faculty and CCE)
- Students must meet with the CCE director (Stephanie Stokamer) or Assistant Director (Bevin McCarthy) prior to completing proposal
- Proposal / application should be submitted during registration or add/drop periods.
- One complete project fulfills the Cornerstone, regardless of number of credits (0-2).
- One complete project is either CIV 110 or CIV 111 finished in a single semester or CIV 109 + CIV 110 or CIV 109 + CIV 111 to span two semesters

The differences between the CE project options are outlined below.

CIV 109 Civic Engagement Project Prep

- Only for students who want to take two semesters to complete their project
- First semester of a two semester sequence (CIV 109 + CIV 110 or CIV 109 + CIV 111)
- Should not be taken alone without intention of also taking CIV 110 or CIV 111
- Does NOT by itself fulfill CE Cornerstone (Cornerstone is only fulfilled after successful completion of the second semester, CIV 110 or CIV 111)
- 0 credit
- P/NP

CIV 110 Civic Engagement Project

- Most typical CE project
- Stands alone as a single semester project or can be taken with CIV 109 as the second semester in a two-semester sequence (CIV 109 + CIV 110)
- 0-1 credit (depends on student scheduling needs as the workload is the same)
- P/NP

CIV 111 Civic Engagement and Diversity Project

- Also fulfills IP/DP Cornerstone requirement
- Involves in-depth experiences with diversity and could include international travel
- Stands alone as a single semester project or can be taken with CIV 109 as the second semester in a two-semester sequence (CIV 109 + CIV 111)
- Proposals must be approved by IP/DP committee in addition to CCE director/assistant director and sponsoring faculty
- Always 2 credits
- Letter graded

Questions?

Please contact the CCE and we'll try to help out.

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