Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Minor

If you are interested in taking on leadership roles in your field, you need the historical, philosophical and economic context that supports your scholarship. Study and debate the fundamental ideas that have shaped societies across human civilization.

**Description**

A minor in civic and economic thought and leadership trains students to read and understand influential ideas in philosophy, economics and politics in order to become leaders in any discipline. Students learn to think broadly and talk constructively to unite people with diverse backgrounds and conflicting motivational needs by leading them toward shared goals.

Students interested in careers as lawyers, doctors, journalists, educators, law enforcement officials and political scientists benefit from a liberal arts education that helps them to develop the ethical framework they need to ask informed questions, make sound decisions for the common good and solve the difficult problems that leaders confront in any discipline.

Students in the minor participate in a high-impact curriculum and are eligible for a global intensive experience, leadership seminars, an internship program and special access to prominent scholars and visiting fellows.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

**Program Requirements**

Minor Map (Archives)
The minor in civic and economic thought and leadership requires 18 credit hours, of which 12 credit hours must be upper-division courses. At least 12 credit hours must be taken from ASU. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

**Required Courses -- 12 credit hours**

CEL 100: Great Ideas of Politics and Ethics (HU) (3)  
CEL 200: Great Debates in American Politics and Economics (HU) (3)  
CEL 300: Capitalism and Great Economic Debates (3)  
CEL 475: Statesmanship and American Grand Strategy (3)  

**Upper Division Electives -- 6 credit hours**

CEL 305: Classical Political Philosophy and Statesmanship: The Greeks (3)  
CEL 320: Modern Political Thought: Origins and Debates about Modern Liberty (3)  
CEL 345: Classics of Modern Economic Thought: Smith to Hayek and Beyond (3)  
CEL 375: Politics and Leadership in the Age of Revolutions, 1776-1826 (3)  
CEL 394: Supervised Research (3)  
CEL 3** Elective (3)  
CEL 484: Internship (3)  
CEL 492: Honors Directed Study (3)  
CEL 493: Honors Thesis (3)  
CEL 4** Elective (3)  

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

**Enrollment Requirements**

**GPA Requirement:** None

**Incompatible Majors:** BA in civic and economic thought and leadership

**Other Enrollment Requirements:** None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the
college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count
toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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