The right to vote and to seek political change are important, but becoming an informed participant in American democracy is just as important. The civic education certificate is designed for students who want to get involved teaching the rights, responsibilities and intellectual foundations that go along with membership in American democracy.

Description

The civic education certificate program is designed to help prepare undergraduate students for careers in primary and secondary education where the teaching of government and civics may be involved. It is also preparation for careers or voluntary participation in politics, public service, civic and social movements and for further education in law, journalism, business, history, sociology, political science and other fields where an understanding of questions of citizenship, leadership, community, democracy, public responsibility and ethics is crucial.

At a Glance

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

Program Requirements

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The certificate in civic education is comprised of 15 credit hours in political science. At least 12 credit hours must be upper-division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be taken in courses offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a scale of 4.00) to fulfill minor requirements.
Theoretical Foundations -- 6 credit hours

POS 210: Political Ideologies (SB) (3)
POS 442: American Political Thought (HU) (3)

Topics in Political Theory (Choose one) -- 3 credit hours

POS 340: History of Political Philosophy I (HU & H) (3)
POS 341: History of Political Philosophy II (HU & H) (3)
POS 346: Problems of Democracy (HU) (3)
POS 443: Topics in Contemporary Political Theory (HU) (3)
POS 475: Morality and Politics (3)

Civics in Action (Choose two) -- 6 credit hours

POS 313: The Congress (SB) (3)
POS 314: The American Presidency (SB) (3)
POS 315: The Supreme Court (SB) (3)
POS 325: Public Policy Development (SB) (3)
POS 332: American Political Parties (SB) (3)
POS 333: Interest Groups (SB) (3)
POS 348: Do You Want to Build a Nation? (L) (3)
POS 370: Law and Society (SB) (3)
POS 410: Governing American Cities (SB) (3)
POS 417: Arizona Politics (SB) (3)
POS 435: Women and Politics (SB & C) (3)
POS 439: Minority Group Politics in America (SB & C) (3)
POS 470: Law and the Political Order (SB) (3)

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

Enrollment Requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Students should contact the School of Politics and Global Studies for more information about completing the civic education certificate.
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