

Civic Education, Certificate

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Develop your political voice while learning the rights, responsibilities and intellectual foundations that go along with membership in American democracy. Become a more informed participant when exercising the rights to vote and seek change.

Description

The civic education certificate program is geared toward students who seek to actively engage in or teach others about political issues and reforms.

Coursework in the certificate provides a strong foundation in the theories and ideologies that provide the motivation and reasoning for much political activity. In addition, a civics in action component of the program enables students to investigate how contemporary American political institutions grapple with competing interests, values and civic ideas.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

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. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Theoretical Foundations -- 6 credit hours

POS 210: Political Ideologies (CIVI OR SB) (3)

POS 442: American Political Thought (HUAD OR HU) (3)

Moral Foundations of Politics (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours

POS 340: History of Political Philosophy I (HU) (3)

POS 341: History of Political Philosophy II (HU) (3)

POS 346: Problems of Democracy (HUAD OR HU) (3)

POS 443: Topics in Contemporary Political Theory (HU) (3)

POS 475: Morality and Politics (3)

Civics in Action (choose two courses) -- 6 credit hours

POS 313: The Congress (AMIT OR SB) (3)

POS 314: The American Presidency (AMIT OR SB) (3)

POS 315: The Supreme Court (SB) (3)

POS 325: Public Policy Development (CIVI OR SB) (3)

POS 332: American Political Parties (SB) (3)

POS 333: Interest Groups (SB) (3)

POS 348: Do You Want to Build a Nation? (CIVI OR L) (3)

POS 370: Law and Society (CIVI OR SB) (3)

POS 410: Governing American Cities (SB) (3)

POS 417: Arizona Politics (SB) (3)

POS 435: Women and Politics (SOBE OR SB & C) (3)

POS 439: Minority Group Politics in America (SB & C) (3)

POS 470: Law and the Political Order (SB) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

Requests to declare this certificate are reviewed by the academic advisor in the academic unit offering the certificate. Students may be contacted to discuss the certificate prior to the addition of the certificate to the student record.

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.

Career opportunities

Graduates who have combined the certificate in civic education with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers. The program helps prepare students for fields in which an understanding of citizenship, leadership, community, democracy, public responsibility and ethics is crucial, such as:

- business
- civic and social movements
- education (social studies)
- history
- journalism
- law
- politics
- public administration
- public service
- social work

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