



# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT LEADERSHIP MINOR



Office of Civic Engagement Leadership  
College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences

# Minor in CIVIC ENGAGEMENT LEADERSHIP

## What is civic engagement leadership?

Civic engagement consists of individual and collective actions to address issues of public concern. Civic engagement *leadership* involves motivating and directing others to address issues of public concern and working to aid in the improvement of a community.

## Examples:

- Working in a non-profit organization
- Interning with a service organization
- Serving in a government office
- Leading a food drive
- Working on a campaign

## What will this minor do for me?

Develop skills in:

- Organizing others
- Working successfully in a non-profit
- Communicating with elected officials
- Helping shape public policy
- Working effectively in government or other forms of public service



## Minor requirements

### 1. Complete the following:

- FHSS 300 (2 credit hours):  
Group Leadership Projects
- FHSS 400 (3 credit hours):  
Civic Engagement Leadership Capstone

### 2. Complete 13 credit hours of courses from the following:

AM ST 399R	GEOG 410	POLI 318
COMMS 336	GEOG 510	POLI 391
COMMS 399R	HCOLL 399R	POLI 397
COMMS 416	HIST 309	POLI 399R
COMMS 485	HIST 336	PSYCH 399R
FHSS 200	HLTH 431	PSYCH 420R
FHSS 351	HLTH 439	SFL 399R
FHSS 399R	MSB 375	SFL 489
GEOG 310	POLI 311	SFL 498
GEOG 341	POLI 316	SOC 399R
GEOG 399R	POLI 317	

- 3 credit hours must be from outside your major
- Substitutions allowed with approval of director



"I'm just beginning my career in policy advocacy and program evaluation, and the Civic Engagement Leadership minor equipped me with the skills I needed. In my capstone class for the minor, I created a grant writing training program and grant tracking system for a local nonprofit. The project was a strong addition to my resume. I'd highly recommend this minor to anyone because the skills and experience you'll gain in the classes are super useful for whatever your plans may be, and the minor can really be tailored to your unique interests and needs."

—Madison Colman

"My experience with the minor was extremely positive. It helped to expand and develop my desire and motivation to serve and be involved in the community. The opportunities that the minor provided and the focus on engagement helped me to understand that you can have an impact at any level and anywhere as long as you are willing to try."

—John Thomson

"After completing my capstone project for the minor, I am no longer afraid to talk to strangers. This minor has also given me confidence to go out and try and change the world. I hope to one day start small and change my community through running for public office. I never would have thought of that prior to joining this minor."

—Kaleigh Fox

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"... **be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness.**"

—D&C 58:27 (emphasis added)

"As citizens, Church members are encouraged to participate in political and governmental affairs, including involvement in the political party of their choice. Members are also urged to be **actively engaged in worthy causes to improve their communities** and make them wholesome places in which to live and rear families."

—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Handbook of Instruction, section 38.8.34, "Political and Civic Activity" (emphasis added).

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

## To enroll in the Minor

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