

# GEE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COURSES

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## **COMM-110 Information and Media Literacy (4 Credits)**

An exploration of the interdisciplinary field of information science, and the impact that information systems have on society. Topics may include information as a commodity, media bias, censorship, privacy, intellectual property, and the digital divide. Students discuss the evolving information environment to become ethical consumers and producers of information. Course Type(s):GEE Social Sciences, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Fall, Every Year

## **COMM-250 Rhetoric Civil Rights Movement (4 Credits)**

This course will examine the rhetoric of the civil rights movement. Students will gain a better understanding of the ways in which civil rights activists used rhetoric to create change as well as the ways in which defenders of segregation used rhetoric in an attempt to maintain the status quo. Course Type(s):GEE Humanities, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** All, Every Year

## **COMM-320 Participatory Cultures (4 Credits)**

How do we engage in information creation in ethical ways? How do online groups help produce information? This interdisciplinary course draws from information science, communication, and education, allowing students to produce digital content as a means of self-discovery, self-expression, and community engagement while considering the ethics of knowledge creation. Course Type(s):GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Spring, Every Year

## **COMM-450 The Rhetoric of Race (4 Credits)**

This course examines the rhetoric of race in American society. Issues discussed will include: the creation and continuation of racial disparity in America, the debate over reparations for slavery, the permanence of racism in society, the role of race in presidential elections, and the impact of race on popular culture. Course Type(s):GEE Humanities, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Fall, Every Year

## **COMM-460 Rhetoric Post-Civil Rights Era (4 Credits)**

The 1980 presidential election signaled a change in the nation's desire to address issues of racial inequality. This change might best be described as the post-civil rights era. This course examines how we talk about race and racism today and how that conversation is different than what came before. Course Type(s):GEE Humanities, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Spring, Every Year

## **ENST-350 Energy Policy and Politics (4 Credits)**

Covers the policies and politics that shape the energy system of today. We examine legislation, policy, and political controversies about fossil fuels, nuclear, and renewables. Our focus is both historical and contemporary and primarily centered on the United States. This course is offered completely on-line. Course Type(s):GEE Social Sciences, GEE Civic Engagement.

## **ENST-382 Environmental Advocacy (4 Credits)**

This course explores how environmental advocates work to implement changes to protect the natural world and the public. Theories of social power and personal empowerment, ethical perspectives, diverse models of mobilization, advocacy roles and tools, and various forms of media will be studied as ways to support an advocacy campaign. Course Type(s):GEE Social Sciences, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Fall, Every Year

## **HGS-155 Intro Holoc & Genocide Studies (4 Credits)**

An interdisciplinary introduction to Holocaust and genocide studies. Students analyze roles of resisters, rescuers, bystanders, victims, survivors, perpetrators, and collaborators. Students are challenged to find ways to exert their leverage and responsibility in preventing genocide. Course Type(s):GEE Humanities, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** All, Every Year

## **HGS-281 Peace Studies (4 Credits)**

Interdisciplinary introduction to a growing field that examines competing explanations for why violence, terrorism, war, and genocide occur. Explores the methods and frameworks that scholars, policy makers, peace activists, and practitioners employ in dealing with physical and structural violence. Topics may include non-violent resistance, inner-city violence, conflict transformation, and mediation. Course Type(s):GEE Humanities, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Fall, Every Year

## **HNRS-270 Honors Civic Engagement (4 Credits)**

Honors courses in Civic Engagement will present content-specific titles and descriptions when they are approved by the Honors Program. They will meet Integrative Studies Program Outcomes and Honors Program outcomes appropriate to the course. Topics vary. Course Type(s):GEE Civic Engagement.

**Prerequisite(s):** Admission to Honors Program

**Offered:** Occasionally, Every Year

## **JRN-101 Media & Society (4 Credits)**

This course will examine the ways that the media participates in shaping social reality. Students will analyze and interpret the roles of the media, especially the news media, in a democratic society in regard to a variety of cultural, political and economic problems. Course Type(s):GEE Humanities, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** All, Every Year

## **JRN-395 Famous Trials (4 Credits)**

This course examines fair trial/free press conflicts in U.S. courts. The course will address the historical development of fair trial/free press law and precedent-setting cases in the development of such laws. Applicable law and precedent will be used to examine famous, contemporary, highly publicized trials. Course Type(s):GEE Humanities, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Summer, Every Year

## **POSC-210 United States Politics (4 Credits)**

Survey of United States politics at the federal level. Emphasis on the context and development of the Constitution and the evolution of political institutions, such as Congress, the Presidency, and the courts. Other topics include political economy, media, public opinion, parties, elections, interest groups, and social movements. Course Type(s):GEE Social Sciences, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** All, Every Year

## **POSC-220 International Relations (4 Credits)**

An introduction to the modern international political system with emphasis on the key institutions and issues that affect the interactions of the state and non-state actors in the contemporary global community. Course Type(s):GEE Social Sciences, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** All, Every Year

**POSC-317 The US Presidency (4 Credits)**

This course examines the modern American presidency. It provides a broad introduction to the executive branch and covers a range of topics, including campaigns and elections, rhetoric and speechmaking, and foreign and domestic policymaking. A key theme concerns the nature and paradoxes of presidential power. Course Type(s):GEE Social Sciences, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Fall, Every Year

**POSC-318 Law and Policy (4 Credits)**

This course examines how laws are drafted, debated, passed, interpreted, and revised. Emphasis will be on legislation and the lawmaking process but alternative routes to policy action and change will be discussed. Government and private actors and their incentives and behaviors will be examined. Course Type(s):GEE Social Sciences, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Spring, Every Year

**TAD-370 Arts Mgt: Organizatns & Entrepreneurship (4 Credits)**

Students will be introduced to different ways arts companies are structured and managed, with a focus on not-for-profit organizations. The course will provide an in-depth exploration of opportunities for creating start-up arts businesses, combining projects tailored to individual students' interests, case studies, and discussion. Course Type(s):GEE Arts, GEE Civic Engagement.

**Offered:** Fall, Every Year

**TAD-375 The Regional Creative Economy (4 Credits)**

How do arts organizations intersect, serve as agents for community vibrancy, and economic development? Students engage with Regional Directors, analyze local arts organizations, work on regional asset mapping, and share their research with local leaders. The hands-on approach of this course provides students with a stake in the regional economy. Course Type(s):GEE Arts, GEE Civic Engagement.