Undergraduate Certificate in Civic Engagement

This undergraduate certificate prepares students to become active, effective, ethical citizens in their professional and personal lives. Students develop reflective, analytic and practical skills to link their learning to civic engagement through service-learning experiences, internships, community-engaged scholarship and a capstone leadership course. This program highlights scholarly, community-based engagement in students’ major coursework while facilitating connections to a broad spectrum of civic participation.

Admission Requirements

- Satisfy the Application and Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Certificate Programs (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate).
- Students must be enrolled in a major or pre-major baccalaureate degree program or have completed a baccalaureate degree.

Advising

All students in the Undergraduate Certificate in Civic Engagement program are required to meet with a certificate advisor to create a plan of study that is integrated with their major course of study. The plan of study must be approved by the Certificate Faculty Committee. Plans, and any amendments to them, must be submitted to the Certificate Faculty Committee by the student and the certificate advisor. Students are strongly encouraged to remain in contact with their certificate advisor throughout the course of their studies.

Graduation Requirements

- Satisfy the General University Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/certificaterequirements).
- Complete the program requirements below.
- Complete a baccalaureate degree program concurrently or before the Undergraduate Certificate in Civic Engagement.

Program Requirements

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Electives **

- Up to 6 credits of lower division (100-299) electives
- Minimum of 9 credits of upper division (300-499) electives

Civic Engagement Portfolio

Evaluated for graduation by Certificate Faculty Committee.

Total: 27-33

* Students may substitute another internship and/or capstone course if approved by Certificate Faculty Committee.

** Approved by Certificate Faculty Committee; community-engaged learning component required in at least 9 total elective credits; courses must help students meet certificate learning outcomes.

A minimum of 30 credits and the civic engagement portfolio are required for the certificate.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students who earn the Undergraduate Certificate in Civic Engagement will be able to:

- Demonstrate democratic skills, such as communication, problem-solving and negotiation, necessary for addressing public problems at multiple levels.
- Articulate public uses of their education and civic engagement.
- Synthesize civic imagination and the abilities and needs of individuals, groups and communities into a vision for the future.
- Compose personal roles and ethical standards for participation in a diverse global community.