



Civic Minor in Urban Youth and Communities

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The minor in Urban Youth and Communities is an interdisciplinary program focused on civic engagement and service learning designed to prepare UNC Charlotte students to become informed and engaged citizens by providing students an opportunity to be agents of change in their community. The minor is open to all majors who seek to explore the strengths, capabilities, and issues of youth and communities in urban settings. Elective courses are concentrated in the areas of Urban Youth and Education, Communities, and Social Justice.

Admission and Program Requirements

No minimum GPA is required. No course prerequisite is required for admission but some elective courses may have prerequisites. In courses applied to the minor, students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

The minor in Youth and Communities is open to all majors. The minor is relatively flexible and can be declared at any time as long as the required 15 hours of coursework, including the capstone course, CUYC 3600, can be completed in time for graduation. There is one introductory required course, CTCM 2503 Citizenship, for all majors. Education majors are also required to take EDUC 3200. This minor will require a capstone project (CUYC 3600) to be completed after all other minor requirements have been completed or with enrollment in required courses simultaneously with enrollment in the capstone course.

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Suggested Plan of Study for Civic Minor in Urban Youth And Communities:

Required Courses:

All majors:

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| CTCM 2530 | Critical Thinking and Communication | 3 hours |
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| CUYC 3600 | Community Engagement Capstone | 3 hours |
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(Completed after all other requirements are met)

Cato College of Education majors only:

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| EDUC 3200 | Service-Learning Teaching Methods for k-12 Educators | 3 hours |
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Electives:

6-9 elective hours are required. Six hours are required if taking EDUC for Education majors and 9 hours otherwise. The one elective course (3 hours) must be chosen in each of the following areas: Urban Youth and Education, Communities, and Social Justice. Approved electives by area are listed below.

Urban Youth and Education (3 hours required from this area)

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| AFRS 2208 | Education of African Americans |
| CHFD 2111 | Child Study: Interpreting Children's Behavior |
| CJUS 2361 | Juvenile Justice |
| EDUC 1511 | Public Education and Schooling in the US |
| EDUC 3200 | Service-Learning Teaching Methods for K-12 Educators |
| MDSK 2100 | Foundations of Education in Secondary Schools |
| PSYC 2120 | Child Psychology |
| PSYC 2121 | Adolescent Psychology |
| SOCY 4135 | Sociology of Education |

Communities (3 hours required from this area)

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| AFRS 2215 | Black Families in the United States |
| AFRS 3280 | Blacks in Urban America |
| ANTH 2125 | Urban Anthropology |
| GEOG 2000 | Social Inequality and Planning |
| GEOG 2200 | Introduction to Urban Studies |
| GEOG 4220 | Housing Policy |
| HIST 3281 | American Cities |
| LTAM 1501 | Introduction to Latin American Politics |
| LTAM 1502 | Introduction to Latin American History and Culture |
| PSYC 3155 | Community Psychology |
| RELS 3137 | Religion in the African American Experience |
| SOCY 4124 | Sociology of the Community |

Social Justice (3 hours required from this area)

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| AFRS 3101 | Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity in the US |
| ARSC 3480 | Citizenship and Service Practicum |
| CJUS 3366 | Domestic Violence |
| CJUS 4363 | Gender, Race, and Justice |
| COMM 3136 | Leadership, Service, and Ethics |
| HIST 3218 | Racial Violence, Colonial Times to Present |
| PSYC 3806 | Undergraduate Research Assistantship (<i>Summer only</i>) |
| SOCY 3143 | Social Movements |
| SOCY 4111 | Social Inequality |
| SOCY 4125 | Urban Sociology |