

EXPERIENTIAL CERTIFICATE IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL CHANGE

Sequence of Requirements

The Certificate in Civic Engagement and Social Change is an academic credential for Duke undergraduates interested in deepening their understanding of social issues by integrating academic coursework with community-based experiences. Students focus their learning, experiences, and relationships with faculty and community mentors around an issue of interest, and emerge with strategies for future engagement, competence in navigating diverse communities, and clarity around possible career paths.

CESC Certificate requirements and their sequence include:

Requirement	Sequencing
Declaration	Must occur no later than the end of drop/add in fall semester of student's junior year.
Gateway course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be taken no later than the first semester offered after the first co-curricular Experience.• Must be completed before the Capstone course is taken.
Electives A & B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May not precede the Gateway course.• Must be completed before the Capstone is taken.
Experiences A & B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experiences A & B must be thematically related.• Experience A (at least 300 hours) must be undertaken as one continuous experience.• Experience B (at least 150 hours) may be one continuous experience OR a combination of distinct but related experiences.• Experiences A & B may be completed in either order.• One Experience may precede the Gateway course.• One Experience must be completed before the Capstone course is taken.• The second Experience may be completed concurrently with the Capstone course. <p>NOTE: The requirements of the Certificate are flexible at all times. <i>During the COVID pandemic, students are encouraged to work with Certificate leadership to adapt or find alternatives to Experiences A & B, as opportunities may be restricted.</i></p>
Capstone course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be taken after at least one co-curricular Experience and all other courses are completed.• One Experience may be completed concurrently with the Capstone course.
E-Portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be established no later than the end of drop/add in fall semester of student's junior year.

COURSE NOTES:

1. A student may use no more than 1 course that is also used to satisfy the requirements of any major, minor, or other certificate program.
2. Two or more departments must be represented in coursework