

Civic Innovation

Degree Type
B.A.

Objectives: To prepare graduates to understand the innovation process, to have the skills, knowledge, and attributes to be innovative problem solvers, to organize, lead, and coordinate civic initiatives, and to help forge creative alliances of persons and organizations to meet community needs and achieve outcomes that serve the common good. Students will work to actively solve, community-identified, problems and achieve meaningful outcomes for people and places.

In collaboration with their advisor, students chart a course of study that provides skills that they can apply in the public and private sectors or in post-graduate study. Throughout the curriculum, students build and maintain a results portfolio, presenting this at points in their study, culminating in the senior capstone presentation.

Situated at the intersection of academic knowledge, vocational exploration, and a commitment to the common good, Civic Innovation provides an understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of public life and issues, including the dynamic interplay of the natural environment, the built environment, and human culture and history in places and the role of that interplay in developing innovative solutions to civic issues and problems.

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
CVIN 100	Intro. to Civic Innovation	4
CVIN 124	Skills Seminar: Project Design & Mgmt.	1
CVIN 125	Skills Seminar: Public Presentation	1
CVIN 126	Skills Seminar: Interviewing/Research	1
CVIN 205	Skills Sem: Alliances for Innovation	4
CVIN 224	Skills Seminar: Innovative Leadership	1
CVIN 225	Skills Seminar: Funding Innovation	1
CVIN 226	Skills Seminar: Program Development	1
CVIN 240	Research Methods for Innovation	3
CVIN 300	Innovative Leadership	4
	CVIN 200 or CVIN 255 or CVIN 260	3
CVIN 400	Senior Project	6
CVIN 450	Capstone Seminar / Thesis	3
	Civic Innovation Area Selection	3-4
	Total Credits	36-37

CVIN 200 or CVIN 255 or CVIN 260

Elective Credits 3

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
CVIN 200	Public Movements, Social Change	3
CVIN 255	Place & the Built Environment - NYC	3
CVIN 260	Ireland	3

Civic Innovation Area Selection

Elective Credits 3-4

One course from Place, Politics and Policy area OR one course from Diversity Studies area

Place, Politics, and Policy Area

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
CVIN 312	Politics and Public Policy	3
ECON 262	Environmental & Natural Resource Econ	3
GEOG 205	Environment & Planning	3
GEOG 322	Environmental Policy	3
POLS 202	State & Local Govt in US	3
POLS 310	Parties and Elections in American Politics	3

Diversity Studies Area

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
CVIN 345	Innovative Capacity/Community Developmen	4
HIST 309	Studies in U.S. Women's History	3
MCOM 250	Women and Media	3
SOCI 270	Race and Ethnicity	3