Citizenship, Democracy, and Difference

main course instructor: Kathy Cramer

9 credits

Political Science 201
Citizenship, Democracy, and Difference

History 102
American History: The Civil War Era to the Present

Civil Society & Community Studies 375
Leadership and Civic Engagement for Social Change

Includes 25 hours of service learning outside of the classroom.

MAIN COURSE

The following paradox is the thread that weaves together the three courses of this FIG: there are alarming racial disparities in Dane County, Wisconsin even though it is home to a world-class public research university that has public service (embodied in “the Wisconsin Idea”) at the heart of its mission.

The three instructors associated with this FIG are in close communication and will meet jointly with the students periodically during the semester. Participating in this FIG during your first semester on campus will be just the beginning of your civic engagement both on campus and in the community at large.

Political Science 201: “Citizenship, Democracy, and Difference” will focus your attention on the role of citizens in contemporary U.S. democracy, with particular attention to racial and ethnic difference. This course is a service-learning, or community-based learning, course that will require you to work with a community organization a minimum of three hours per week.

In doing so, you will become better acquainted with racial justice issues in the community and with organizations working to eliminate racial disparities.

LINKED COURSE

History 102: “American History: The Civil War Era to the Present” — Provides the background necessary for you to understand the complexity of issues with respect to racial justice in the contemporary United States.

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Civil Society & Community Studies 375: “Leadership and Civic Engagement for Social Change” — Develops your leadership skills and a civic identity that will enable you to pursue social change during your time here on campus and after graduation.

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Enrolled in a FIG and you change your mind?

FIG courses are designed to be taken together. When you enroll in a FIG, you are signed up for these courses as a whole group, not as separate courses.

If you change your mind, dropping one FIG course means ending your enrollment in all of the courses in the FIG.

So, here’s what you should know if you want to drop the FIG:

- You can drop all the courses on your own through your Student Center at my.wisc.edu. Any non-FIG course will not be affected.
- After classes begin (Tuesday, September 6, 2016), if you need to drop a single course within the FIG, please contact Kari Fernholz (see below) to review your situation. If necessary, she will provide the required authorization to drop the course.
- Wednesday, September 14, 2016 is the last day to drop courses without it appearing on your college transcript.
- Friday, September 16, 2016 is the last day to add a course without first getting departmental approval.