

CIVIC IDENTITY

STUDENTS AS AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE

Why is Civic Engagement Important?

Civically engaged students have well-developed knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make a difference in the civic life and vitality in our communities. Civic engagement in the curriculum helps students learn how to participate in democracy, how to be effective agents of change in their communities, and how to deliberate across differences. According to the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), students who are actively engaged in the classroom and the community tend to remain on strong academic paths and persist to graduation, often seeking higher levels of education and becoming future community leaders.

ABOUT CCE

The Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) at UW-Green Bay serves as a liaison for engagement between the campus and the Greater Green Bay Area. The CCE fosters a culture of public service and engagement by providing programs and resources that facilitate the development of civic identity for students, faculty and staff. CCE also builds and sustains mutually beneficial community partnerships with the mission of creating greater justice in the world.



COMMUNITY BENEFITS:



Improve a community's ability to address complex social issues



Form meaningful collaborative partnerships



Work alongside higher education to create positive change for all

HOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN ENGAGE WITH US:

- ✔ Select students for internships
- ✔ Collaborate on community research projects
- ✔ Connect with a class to develop a community-based learning experience
- ✔ Share your expertise and experience to promote civic learning
- ✔ Offer students volunteer and service opportunities
- ✔ Mentor a Newman Civic Fellow



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If you have an idea on how to engage students in your work or how to partner with the University in any way, we want to hear from you!

CCE SPOTLIGHT PROGRAMS:

Civic Scholars

The Civic Scholars Leadership program prepares sophomore college students to become civic professionals and citizen leaders through sustained interdisciplinary civic engagement and scholarship with a focus on the City of Green Bay.

Through workshops in the fall semester, students visit community organizations with specific sector focus such as education, environment, arts, history and more. Students learn from community leaders about the opportunities and challenges that face our city, while also exploring their own civic identities. Students will gain knowledge of civic, nonprofit and business infrastructure in the Greater Green Bay Area, strengthen their abilities to analyze complex social issues, and connect and apply knowledge from their civic engagement experiences back to their areas of study.

In spring, students have the opportunity to conduct an internship with a partner community organization. The program will culminate at the end of the academic year when participants will be recognized for their successful completion of the program by the University, Chamber of Commerce and Mayor's Office.



Newman Civic Fellow

The Newman Civic Fellowship recognizes and supports community-committed students who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country.

The fellowship, in partnership with Campus Compact, provides training and resources that nurture students' passions to help them develop strategies to achieve social change. Campus Compact provides learning opportunities to the student fellow focused on the skills needed to serve as effective agents of change in addressing public problems and building equitable communities. The fellowship is a one-year experience for students, during which fellows have access to in-person and virtual learning opportunities, networking events, attendance at the national conference in Boston, MA, and mentoring from a local community leader. While the fellowship experience is limited to one year, participants in the Newman Civic Fellowship are invited to join a national network of community-committed peers and to enter into a long-term community of Newman Civic Fellows.

UW-Green Bay has hosted three Newman Civic Fellows who have worked on meaningful projects with local community mentors, including professionals from the City of Green Bay, Golden House and Paul's Pantry.

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