

Darien Civic Engagement Project: Citizenship & Civic Engagement Spring 2019 Application Information and Materials

The Eagleton Institute of Politics and the Department of Political Science, under the auspices of the *Darien Fund for the US Constitution, Citizenship, and Civic Engagement*, invite students to join the *Darien Civic Engagement Project (DCEP)*. The Darien Civic Engagement Project offers students an exciting for credit opportunity to put their interest in politics and what they learn in the classroom into action on the Rutgers campus and in local communities.

DCEP students will enroll in a 1.5 credit course with Dr. Elizabeth Matto of the Eagleton Institute of Politics as they work on RU Ready - a civic education initiative designed to equip and encourage young people in New Brunswick schools to become active citizens. Attention will be paid to the realities of teaching young people to be informed about politics and the role they play.

The DCEP is open to all majors and years (undergraduates and graduates). DCEP students must register for 790: 251: **Topics in Political Science: Citizenship and Civic Engagement**, and will receive 1.5 credits with successful completion of all requirements. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. If accepted into the class, students will receive a special permission number for registration purposes.

Expectations of DCEP students

- Register and attend class weekly (790:251-Teaching Citizenship) of the Darien Civic Engagement Project. Weekly meetings will take place on Mondays from 10:55am to 12:15pm in the Library of the Eagleton Institute of Politics on Douglass Campus
- Create your own civic engagement workshop and implement it in classrooms of New Brunswick High School. All workshops will be reviewed and approved by Dr. Elizabeth Matto
- Participate in administering RU Ready’s “Young Leaders Conference” for a selection of high school students
- Participate in Ru Ready Civics Fair at New Brunswick High School
- Participate in a public presentation at the Eagleton Institute of Politics regarding their DCEP experiences.

Participant Requirements

- As a requirement of New Brunswick Public Schools, registered students are **REQUIRED** to have a background check and fingerprinting check conducted. This requirement applies to all students who commit to involvement in the project. Students are required to pay for

fingerprinting and background checks but will be reimbursed by the Eagleton Institute of Politics in a timely manner.

- Participants also must be registered in the Rutgers University's Protection of Minors (POM) Database and complete the required POM training.
- Photos/Videos of participating students will be taken and used in materials (paper and electronic) related to the Eagleton Institute of Politics, the Center for Youth Political Participation, and the Darien Civic Engagement Project

***** IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY *****

Application & Selection Process

- Interested individuals should complete the application form below and email completed applications with the subject heading “Spring 2018 DCEP APPLICATION” to Jessica Ronan (DCEP Program Coordinator) at Jessica.ronan@rutgers.edu
- Upon application review, students might be contacted for a phone or in person interview. Once selected, students are provided with special permission numbers to enroll in the course.
- For more information on the DCEP, please visit: [http:// http://cypp.rutgers.edu/for-students/darien/](http://http://cypp.rutgers.edu/for-students/darien/)

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Darien Civic Engagement Project (DCEP): Citizenship & Civic Engagement Application Form for Spring 2018

Please note that there are four components to this application. All parts should be completed and emailed to Jessica Ronan at jronan@eagleton.rutgers.edu

1. Please provide the following information (**IN BOLD CAPS**):

Name:

RU ID #:

NetID:

Major:

Home address:

Cell Phone:

Email (Primary):

Expected year and semester of graduation:

GPA:

How did you learn about this Project?

Do you have a car on campus?

** You might be contacted for a phone or in person interview upon submission of this application**

2. Required essay (100-200 words). Please attach a paragraph describing your interest and experiences in civic and political participation and teaching citizenship to high school students. Additionally, please indicate what you would hope to accomplish as a member of the Darien Civic Engagement Project.
3. Résumé. Please attach a brief résumé of your academic, employment, volunteer and travel experiences, as well as any knowledge of world languages other than English.
4. Please provide the name of a reference below:

Name:

Position/Title:

Department:

E-mail address:
