

Darien Civic Engagement Project Fall 2020 Application Information and Materials

The Eagleton Institute of Politics, 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)*. A for-credit political learning opportunity for Rutgers students interested in mobilizing and engaging their fellow students. The DCEP offers students an exciting opportunity to put their interest in politics and what they learn in the classroom into action on the Rutgers campus and in local communities.

Through their work for the project, enrolled students will register for **790:250: Special Topics in Political Science: Darien Civic Engagement Project** and will receive 1.5 credits for their work in DCEP. Working together with Dr. Elizabeth Matto of the Eagleton Institute of Politics and the RU Voting Program Coordinator- an initiative designed to register, educate, and mobilize Rutgers students to be politically active. In a selection of discussions led by Professor Matto of the students also will explore the ideals of fostering citizenship in the populace.

DCEP students will:

- Register for 790:250: Special Topics in Political Science: Teaching Citizenship
- Meet together every Thursday from 10:55AM to 12:15PM at Eagleton Institute of Politics;
- Help organize and participate in voter registration drives on campus; and,
- Participate in an end-of-the-semester luncheon presentation at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, reviewing the work they completed throughout the semester

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be enrolled in an Undergraduate or Graduate program at Rutgers-New Brunswick
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Must be able to meet for class every Thursday from 10:55AM to 12:15PM

Duties and Responsibilities of DCEP members:

- Attend weekly meetings of the DCEP administered by Dr. Elizabeth Matto. Weekly meetings will take place on Thursdays from 10:55AM-12:15PM in the Library of the Eagleton Institute of Politics on Douglass Campus.
- Participate in at least 4 hours of RU Voting mobilization efforts on campus
- Participate in the culminating end-of-the-semester luncheon at Eagleton Institute of Politics
- DCEP students may be photographed or videotaped over the course of the project.

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

Application & Selection Process

- Interested individuals should complete the application materials below and scan completed applications as **PDFs** with the subject heading “Fall 2020 DCEP APPLICATION” to Jessica Ronan at jronan@eagleton.rutgers.edu by **Monday April 13, 2020 at 5:00pm**.
- Upon application review, students may be contacted for a phone or in person interview.
- Once accepted into the Darien Civic Engagement Project, all students will receive a Special Permission Number for registration in **790:250: Special Topics in Political Science: Teaching Citizenship**.
- For more information on the DCEP, please visit cypp.rutgers.edu

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The Darien Civic Engagement Project Application Form for Fall 2020

Please note that there are four components to this application. All parts should be completed and emailed to Jessica Ronan (jronan@eagleton.rutgers.edu) by Monday April 13, 2020 at 5:00PM

1. Please provide the following information:

Name:

RU ID #:

NetID

Major:

Home address:

Cell Phone:

Rutgers Email:

Expected year of graduation:

GPA:

How did you learn about DCEP?

2. Required writing sample (200-300 words). Please attach a writing sample describing your interest in civic engagement and political participation. Additionally, what do you believe is the most significant factor limiting civic engagement today?

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:

E-mail address:

Relationship to Applicant:
