

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (CHSC)

CHSC 250 Special Topics in Experiential Learning (1-3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 100-level course. Restriction(s): Must be enrolled in a CHSS program. Based on the expertise of the instructor, this course will provide students with direct exposure to a particular career field. May include a combination of in-class lecture/discussion and multiple site visits to various private and public employers, community organizations, political offices, courts, non-profits, etc., depending on the field. May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 credits.

CHSC 299 College to Career: Preparing for the World of Work (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): WRIT 106 or HONP 101. Restriction(s): Sophomore level or higher; and must be enrolled in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS). This is a 3-credit course for majors in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. This course is designed to help students start the process of career planning and development in a way that is structured and strategic. Emphasis is placed on helping students connect their values, skills, and interests to career fields and opportunities. The course will also focus on the value of a liberal arts education and applicability of transferable skills to a wide range of careers. As a result of this course, students will create professional documents such as resumes, cover letters, and portfolios. Students will also walk away with a career development plan and a deeper understanding of the job search process from networking and exploration to negotiation and acceptance of job offers.

CHSC 350 Social Impact Portfolio (1 credit)

Prerequisite(s): WRIT 207; completion of an internship course. Restriction(s): Open only to students in the Social Impact Certificate program. This 1-credit course is designed to guide students in the assembly of a comprehensive portfolio that showcases their academic and co-curricular achievements in civic engagement and public service over the course of the Social Impact Certificate program. Throughout the program, under the guidance of the faculty coordinator and program director, students will have compiled artifacts from coursework, community service, internships, and other relevant experiences to demonstrate their growth, skills, and contributions to societal change. The final portfolio will feature a Professional Development Plan, and will serve as a valuable tool for future academic pursuits, career opportunities, and personal development.

CHSC 400 Social Impact Capstone (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): POLS 101, WRIT 207. Restriction(s): Open only to students in the Social Impact Certificate program. As the culminating experience in the Social Impact Certificate program, this course utilizes the Challenge Based Learning (CBL) didactic framework to work on authentic complex social challenges, involving real stakeholders. Building upon the academic, co-curricular, and internship experiences of their previous three years in the program, students will use an interdisciplinary approach to the challenges, with opportunities to develop life and professional skills, an entrepreneurial mindset, and a focus on impact. Working in teams, students tackle significant social challenges identified in collaboration with industry partners and community organizations. A formal final presentation of the capstone project will be given to relevant stakeholders.