Certificate in Civic Engagement

Requirements:
1. Courses: Four courses (24 ECTS credits total) that focus on a theory or practice of civic engagement. These courses can be a part of the regular curriculum of home institutions that are identified as fulfilling the requirements and/or OSUN and OSUN Network courses. At least one course needs to be an OSUN network or OSUN course.

- One core course focusing on civic engagement and/or community engagement that will normally be the OSUN and Network course on **Civic Engagement** (or an approved alternative).
- Two or more **Community Engaged Courses** that connect classroom learning/theory with practice, such as the network course on Social Entrepreneurship.
- One course which studies the theories of civic engagement, democracy and social action, such as the OSUN network course on **Global Citizenship** or **Human Rights Advocacy**.

Please see the list of courses listed under "Course related requirements" below.

2. Culminating Project
During the junior or senior year, students prepare a written analytic essay or other form of work linked to their engagement activities. When applicable, in place of the culminating project, students can incorporate the engagement analysis into an Engaged Senior/Capstone Project.
Additionally, students can apply for the Student Initiative Development Program (SIDP) in order to develop their culminating project under the program and receive financial support (up to $1000 USD). The criteria for the projects is to address any social, economic, environmental, and educational challenges in the community. Students can learn more on the SIDP website.

3. Co-Curricular Activities
Students participate in 100 hours of co-curricular civic engagement activities during their course of study. The civic/community engagement activity can be developed through an on-campus program, an independent community engagement activity, or an appropriate and approved internship. Students will also be expected to attend co-curricular workshops on leadership and project management offered by OSUN and their home institution.
Specifically, AUCA's Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) provides several opportunities for students to gain the necessary amount of hours either via internship or volunteering activities. In order to learn more about these opportunities, students should directly contact the CCE via email: cce@auca.kg.

Course related requirements:

1. Courses: Four courses (24 credits) that focus on a theory or practice of civic engagement.
This must include:
- a core course (6 credits);
- two ELAS (Engaged Liberal Arts and Sciences[1]) courses (12 credits) beyond the core course (students can take more than one core course);
- one course (6 credits) which studies theories of civic engagement, democracy and social action.

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[1] More about ELAS courses: https://cce.bard.edu/classroom/elas-courses/

Core Courses (including):

- **ICP-342: Civic Engagement (Network Course, OSUN Course)**

Sample ELAS Courses:

- LAS/SE-300: Agile in Social Innovation
- SOC/LAS/GDS-300: Sociology of Development
- LAS/SE-200: Social Entrepreneurship
- LAW - 413.1: Legal Clinic
- **TCMA/ART/SOC/HR-201: Visual Storytelling for Civic Engagement (Network Course)**
- SOC-285.3: Social Stratification and Inequality
- ANTH – 107: Cultural concepts and social networks
- PSY - 211.1: Social Psychology
- ANTH/LAS/PSY-218: Conflict Resolution and Conflict Transformation
- PSY/SOC/ANTH-419: Understanding Gender & International Development: Changes &Transformations
- ANTH/PSY/SOC-356: Gender, ethics and politics of violence
- PSY/ICP/SOC-242: Psychology of Conflict
- PSY/ICP/ANT-430: Gender, Women, and Politics of Development in Central Asia
- PSY – 370: Psychology of Human Sexuality
- ECO-314.1: Environmental Economics
- JMC-385: Public Relations
- JR/LAW/TCMA-348: Media Law and Ethics
- LIT/TCMA-181.1: Effective Storytelling for Media

Sample Courses on Theory of Civic Engagement, Democracy, Social Action (some examples below)

- **ICP/SOC-303: Global Citizenship (Network Course)**
- ANTH-520: International Development: donors, NGOs, communities and Cultures
- ANTH/LAS/SOC/PSY-150: Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies
- LAW-299: Ethics in Government (3 credits)
- LAW - 323.1: International Human Rights Law
- ICP/ECO-302: Global Political Economy: Welfare and Development
- ICP - 240.2: Central Asian Politics
- ICP-305: Democracy and Authoritarianism in Comparative Perspective
- HR/ICP/JOUR-295: Freedom of speech
- ICP/LAW/HR-396: Democracy in Dark Time
- HR - 100.1: Intro to Human Rights
- ICP/ECO-276: Political Economy of Natural Resource-Led Development
- SS/LAS/GDS-102: Globalization and Social Sciences
- ANTH - 320.1: Ethnicity and Identity in Multicultural Societies
- SOC - 104.1: General Sociology (for Non-Sociologists)
- ICP-391: Political Leadership
- ICP/LAS/GDS-208: Politics of Human Rights
- LAW – 372: Corruption, Development and Good Governance
- LAW-378: Mediation: alternative dispute resolution technology
- LAW/BA-262.2: Civil Society Organizations Law