

OSUN Civic Engagement Certificate NSYSU FAQ

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About the Certificate:

Civic Engagement Certificate is an international collaborative program offered by Open Society University Network (OSUN) and National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU).

The program aims to empower young talents to become proactive global citizens. This concept perfectly corresponds to NSYSU Si Wan College's three educational maxims – Interdisciplinarity, Implementation, and Exploration. We believe they are essential for building an inclusive open future society.

The program map outlined for students at NSYSU emphasizes both theory and practice. The courses are taught in English or Mandarin. Both online and physical classroom classes are available to offer a diverse learning environment. In addition to the core course on the topic of civic engagement, selective courses are categorized into five themes. This structure corresponds to the General Education Curriculum at NSYSU, carefully designed to build up students' fundamental knowledge in arts and humanities, social science, and natural science.

We provide students with a hybrid, international program in order to enable them to take on a more active role when faced with global challenges. It is also our hope that through intercultural dialogues and conflict resolution strategies, instructors can prompt students' critical thinking and prepare them to become proactive contributors to a more inclusive and secure future society.

Objectives:

1. To develop students' understanding of social responsibility beyond geographical, social, and cultural boundaries.
2. To hone students' abilities in solving problems through applying knowledge and skills in practice
3. To enhance students' learning motivations through an innovative and project-oriented course design.
4. To cultivate students' interpersonal skills through cooperating with local and global students.

Who is Eligible?

ONLY available to Freshmen and Sophomores of undergraduates.

Requirements for the certificate:

1. Complete related courses for 16 credits:

- (1) Core course (4 credits)
(Online course provided by Bard College, taught in English)
- (2) Experiential learning courses (9 credits at least)
(Courses provided by Si Wan College, taught in Mandarin or English)
- (3) Theoretical course related to civic engagement, democracy or social movement (3 credits)
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2. Personal civic engagement project proposal: A community-based, civic engagement project designed to address and resolve current social issues must be proposed.

3. 100 hours community-based volunteering: For those who enroll for a service-learning course of a relevant topic to their personal civic engagement project, one service-learning course can waive 36 hours of service time. Please consult the contact person for service hours waiver regulation.

How to Apply?

Students who intend to join Civic Engagement Certificate program should prepare the following documents and submit them to OSUN Civic Engagement application website

(<https://osun.terradotta.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=23074>)

In the application page, you will need to answer the following questions:

1. Personal information: Full Name in Mandarin and English, Affiliation, Year of study, contact mobile number, email
2. Your academic transcription with GPA
3. An endorsement from your academic advisor
4. An essay contains three statements below (1,000 word max)
 - (1) Personal statement providing the reason why the applicant wishes to obtain the certificate
 - (2) Personal civic activities engagement proposal: Please explain how your project will benefit the local community. Please name your

- potential community partner/organization with whom you will conduct at least 100 hours of volunteering hours.
- (3) Study plan listing courses you intend to enroll in.

Application Deadline: Monday, April 3rd, 2023 (Based on OSUN)

Course List:

A. Core course (4 credits): OSUN online courses available in Spring semesters.

Civic Engagement and Social Action

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100 Level – 4 US / 8 ECTS

Course Term: January 30-May 23, 2023

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 New York Time, 16:00-17:30 Vienna Time

Prerequisite: None

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- The credit of this course can be used to waive graduation credits at NSYSU. According to the University's regulations, one can waive up to 10 credits for taking online courses.

Signing up for the core course: OSUN online course portal

<https://opensocietyuniversitynetwork.org/education/teaching/osun-courses/>

B. Experiential learning courses (Obtain at least 9 credits):

Theme	Course	Credits
Aesthetic and Cultural Understanding	European Arts and Global Cultural Exchange	3
	[NSYSU X KMFA] Course Series	3
Science, Technology and Society	Exploring the History of Kaohsiung through Local Architecture	3
	Popular Music, Technology and Society	3
	Science, Media, and Culture	3
Physical Science and Our Living World	Nature of Science	2
	Scientific Thinking and Practice	2

Natural Environment, Ecology, and Sustainable Management	Sustainable Local Food in Global Context	3
	Climate Change Adaptation	3

C. Theoretical courses (Must take one):

Theme	Course	Credits
Global Perspectives and Citizenship	Political and Economic Development in Taiwan	3
	Socio-cultural Analysis	3

If you have any questions, please contact Civic Engagement Project @NSYSU: Siwan.osun.ce@gmail.com; or Network Coordinator, Dr. Koching Chao, koching.chao@mail.nsysu.edu.tw

OSUN official website for the certificate: Certificate in Civic Engagement <https://opensocietyuniversitynetwork.org/civic-engagement/learning/certificate/>