Nonprofit Studies

NPS 300. Introduction to Nonprofits. 3 credits.
An introduction to the development of the nonprofit sector in the American context exploring history, theories, legal issues, governance and ethical considerations. Global nonprofits are also explored. Provides a foundation for subsequent work in the nonprofit studies minor. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing with a declared major.

NPS 320. Nonprofit Management. 3 credits.
A study of organizational and management functions in the nonprofit sector. Examination of the unique role of volunteers, boards and public relations in the nonprofit environment. Prerequisites: NPS 300 and junior status.

NPS/FAM/GERN/SOWK 375. Grant Writing for Agencies. 3 credits.
Emphasizing active learning, this course teaches the basics of grant and proposal writing. Efficient research, persuasive prose and the importance of relationships are stressed. Private and corporate philanthropy and government grants are examined.

NPS 400. Internship/Practicum in Nonprofit Studies. 4 credits. (160 hours in agency), 6 credits (240 hours in agency).
Supervised internship/practicum experience in a nonprofit organization setting that allows experimental learning and practice experiences. A research or applied paper, learning journal and presentation based on the experience are required. Prerequisites: NPS 300 and the discipline specific elective.

NPS 450. Nonprofit Studies Capstone Seminar. 3 credits.
The capstone seminar is designed to integrate and apply knowledge from the student’s major and the nonprofit studies minor. A substantial, individualized project will strengthen the student’s capabilities in research and/or applied knowledge, information access, and self-directed learning. Prerequisites: NPS 300, NPS 320, NPS 400 and discipline elective. Related elective may be taken concurrently.

NPS 487. Special Topics in Nonprofit Studies. 3 credits.
Examination of selected topics in nonprofit studies that are of current importance in the nonprofit arena. Course may be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: NPS 300 or permission of the instructor.

NPS 490. Special Studies in Nonprofit Studies. 1-3 credits.
This course is designed to provide capable nonprofit studies minors an opportunity to complete independent study under faculty supervision. Course may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: NPS 300, NPS 320 and one additional course in the minor or permission of the instructor.