

**THE MAXWELL PROGRAM IN  
CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (CCE)**  
A MAJOR IN LEADERSHIP



**SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY**



*CCE students with Professor Paul Hagenloh, program chair*

**The Citizenship and Civic Engagement (CCE) major** is an individualized, hands-on undergraduate program that helps you develop a deep understanding of social activism, public affairs, and political change.

### HOW IT WORKS

CCE, offered by the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, is a double-major program. In addition to CCE, students choose a second major in a policy-relevant field, usually in the social sciences or public communications. Any major at SU can fit with CCE, depending on your interests, but popular companion majors include:

- > Anthropology
- > Broadcast and digital journalism
- > Economics
- > Geography
- > History
- > International relations
- > Policy studies
- > Political science
- > Public relations
- > Sociology

Citizenship and Civic Engagement then adds leadership skills, training in policy-relevant research, and a chance to put your plans into action even before you graduate. You'll have a double major and a clear path toward a meaningful career.

## Why Choose CCE?

### The Maxwell Advantage

The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs is consistently ranked as the nation's number one graduate school for public affairs (*U.S. News & World Report*). As part of both the Maxwell School and Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences, you'll enjoy courses taught by world-renowned Maxwell faculty, as well as support from the Maxwell Center for Career Development. Ask any alumnus: When you major in the social sciences at Syracuse University, the Maxwell reputation opens doors.

### Small Classes, Big Perspective

The CCE major is an interdisciplinary exploration of how to steer your life toward the public good. Professors from across the social sciences will lead you in intensive, small-group examinations of citizenship, ethics, and justice. You'll gain insight into social forces at work and learn how and where change happens.

### Close Mentorship

You'll work with a faculty mentor who will guide you through a major research project, hone your leadership skills, and help shape your passion for change into a concrete course of study.

### Make a Difference Now

A carefully selected community project will connect you to today's issues and point toward post-college roles that make a difference. Recent placements include Girls Inc., Save the Rain, New York Civil Liberties Union, and Clear Path for Veterans.

### Graduate with a Plan

A research project in your junior year leads to a senior-year Action Plan, when you'll use the skills you've learned to make a real difference in the community—local, national, or international. Your Action Plan will be concrete and professional, providing you the ultimate jump-start to success in your field of choice.

- > Education policy and reform
- > Environmental and energy policy
- > Global economic development
- > Global economics
- > Human rights
- > International law
- > Immigration reform
- > International relations
- > Labor laws and rights
- > Middle Eastern politics and history
- > Mental health
- > Public policy
- > Third world development
- > Urban planning
- > Veterans affairs



*Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on her way to visit a classroom in the Maxwell School. Pictured left is James Steinberg, dean of the Maxwell School and former U.S. deputy secretary of state.*

**Go beyond your major.  
Add Citizenship and Civic Engagement.**

Learn more about CCE and other majors in social sciences at [maxwell.syr.edu](http://maxwell.syr.edu).

*First-year applicants should apply to the CCE major by completing the Common Application.*

*CCE students work on a community project with Maarten Jacobs, director of the Near Westside Initiative in Syracuse.*





"I selected the Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County for my community placement. The education policy experience I gained prepared me for my internship at the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board. These experiences are exactly why I chose the CCE major. It enhanced my skills and knowledge in a way that I didn't think was possible in college."

—Michelle Sczpanski, Junior, Wooster, OH



"This semester, I worked on a research project with an economics professor to measure the impacts of green infrastructure on property values in the City of Syracuse. Next semester, through my other major (political science), I will be working for the New York State Assembly as an intern."

—Alexander Lynch, Junior, East Greenbush, NY



"During my college search, CCE stood out. I can shape my courses and research to explore and pursue my passion, which is helping young people. Thanks to the structure and support I've received, I'm able to continue the community service work I did in high school and even extend it to South Africa and Madrid, where I plan to study abroad."

—Kelsey Leeper, Freshman, Olympia, WA

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