

**Fall 2007**

**PSC 4033 - COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center announces the second Community Scholar Program, a public service learning opportunity for the Fall 2007 semester. Approximately twenty OU undergraduate students will be selected and placed in policy-related internships in and around Norman and Oklahoma City. The Community Scholars Program provides a unique learning opportunity for undergraduates who will work closely with non-profit organizations, private sector companies, and local government agencies to experience first-hand the efforts of civic organizers to bring communities together through social activism and political participation. The internship experience will be enriched through weekly seminars with academic and community leaders.

Students chosen for Community Scholars will be placed in assignments with local government agencies and non-profit organizations according to their chosen field of interest and be expected to work 15-20 hours a week with the agency/organization. Students will also meet once a week (on Friday afternoons) in seminar to discuss their experience and assimilate their practical experience with the scholarly work in this area.

*Internship*

Students will be placed in institutions and organizations that are engaged in civic service in the Norman and Oklahoma City area. Possible placements could be:

Oklahoma Municipal League  
Norman Municipal Government  
Intergovernmental Organizations and Nonprofit Organizations  
American Council of Governments  
Community Vision Program  
City Manager's Office / Disaster Planning Program

In addition to the three credit hours for PSC 4033, Community Scholars will have the option of taking three additional hours under PSC 3910 (section 002) for Government Internship credit.

*Costs*

While there are no program fees required, students must enroll in PSC 4033 (the additional 3 hours of internship credit are optional). Internships are generally unpaid, though some assistance may be available on a stipend basis and some internship-related costs will be reimbursed.

*For Further Information*

Feel free to contact Professor Ellis, Dept of Political Science, by e-mail at [ellisme@ou.edu](mailto:ellisme@ou.edu) or by phone at 325-5019. Applications are available in the Political Science Dept (205 Dale Hall Tower) and at the Carl Albert Center (101 Monnet Hall). Selection of participants will begin on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and continue until the class is filled.

***INFORMATION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Carl Albert Center, 101 Monnet Hall, and on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Dale Hall, Room 218. This is the time to ask questions about the program and to visit with students who have previously participated in the Community Scholars Program. All interested students are welcome to attend!***