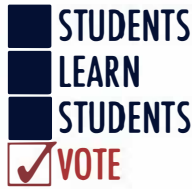


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Realizing Democracy: Summer Voting Rights Course and Democracy Training



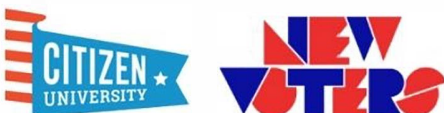
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What: *Student Voting, Civil Rights, and the Practice of Democracy* is a **three-credit** political science course which includes applied coursework in the areas of voting and civic engagement. This course is designed by historians, political scientists and an election law professor and practitioner. It is taught **synchronously** and **online**. The course is led by **Jonathan Becker**, Professor of Politics, and **Erin Cannan**, Vice President for Civic Engagement at Bard College, and **Yael Bromberg**, constitutional rights litigator, legal scholar, & election law professor.

Certificate: Students who successfully complete the course and participate in thirty hours civic engagement activities will receive a certificate on "Voting Rights & Democracy Training."

Who: 50 - 75 students, including individual applicants from across the nation and applicants associated with national partners of student voting rights, civic engagement and media organizations. College students and advanced high school/dual enrollment students may apply.

Course Description: The goal of this course is to educate and train a new generation of voting and democracy advocates and student journalists by providing an historical, intellectual and practical grounding in the fight to promote and defend student voting and civil rights. The course will supplement traditional coursework with more **applied workshops and trainings** focused on issues related to voting (such as voter registration, vote by mail, access to polling stations, etc) and broader issues related to voter education and civic engagement.

The course uses the 26th Amendment, which lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 and outlaws age discrimination, as a prism through which to examine both the history of disenfranchisement and the fight for voting rights in the United States today. It has a particular focus on critical college constituencies, including students, faculty, staff and institutional leaders.

When: June 22 – July 28: Tuesdays 10am - 12:40pm EST; Fridays 10am - 12:40pm EST. Friday afternoon screenings and activities, 12:45-1:30pm EST.

Program Cost: Students participating in the **three-credit** course will be charged \$150. This steeply discounted tuition is subsidized through the generous support of partner organizations and donors. Special assistance on a limited basis is available for students who cannot afford the tuition fee.

Deadlines: Preferred review by May 1. Deadline May 27th. Applications considered rolling basis.

More Info: <https://ccc.bard.edu/gct-involved/election/summer-voting-rights-course/>

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