

Campus Democratic Engagement Toolkit



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CORE CONCEPTS: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT VS. DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT



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Civic engagement is contributing and working to make a difference in the public (or civic) life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and commitment to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community through both political and non-political processes.

Democratic engagement is the practice of engaged citizenship through democratic mechanisms and principles. Politics, and agency within political processes, are a particularly important component of democratic engagement. As situated in the United States, democratic engagement means engagement in a democracy (or democratic form of government). It is a central part of civic engagement, specifically related to applying learned skills, knowledge, and commitments to contribute to public life through the democratic political process.



SIX CORE COMPONENTS OF EDUCATING STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRACY



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Six Core Components of Educating Students for Democracy

STUDENT VOTING

With a goal of increasing the proportion of college students who vote in local, state, and national elections;

DEMOCRACY PRINCIPLE & PRACTICE

With a goal of increasing student understanding of the underpinnings of democracy and the workings of democratic institutions;

DELIBERATION FOR SHARED FUTURE

With a goal of increasing students' capacity to listen respectfully to the ideas of others and engage in both constructive and critical discussion of public questions;

MEDIA FACT & FICTION

With a goal of increasing the capacity of students to distinguish reliable from unreliable political information;

Source: Campus Compact

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

With a goal of building a network of student leaders committed to democratic renewal; and

TEACHING FOR DEMOCRACY

With a goal of preparing faculty and staff members to develop and execute high-quality courses and programs focused on democratic engagement.

HELPFUL RESOURCES



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Publication: **Getting Started with Practicing Democracy: A Toolkit for Educating Civic Professionals**

Webinar: **Getting Started with Practicing Democracy: A Toolkit for Educating Civic Professionals**

Publication: **Creating Space for Democracy**

Webinars: **Constructive Dialogue Institute**

TOOLKIT COLLECTION



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Starter Pack Toolkit: SLSV provides a comprehensive starter guide based on your role at your institution! They offer democratic engagement guides for faculty members, student affairs coordinators, student leaders, and more!

Decode the Student Vote: This comprehensive map allows for campuses to see all the groups that partake in student-focused democratic engagement work and organizations that offer opportunities for funding.

All In: The All In resource toolkit provides guides on action planning for your campus, sports team engagement, and peer-to-peer programming.

SYLLABUS EXAMPLE



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Michigan State University students are encouraged to register to vote and exercise their right to have a voice. To register to vote and to check your registration status, visit vote411.org for resources to register and check your status. If you have questions about your voter registration status, voting by mail or absentee, your polling location, or whether you are eligible to vote, please reach out to MSUvote, our on-campus resource for voter engagement: msuvote.msu.edu

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