

# University of Denver

## AY 2025-2026 / CENG 3980: Changemakers Internship

### Information for Undergraduate Students

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#### About the Changemakers Internship Program

Looking to make a meaningful impact while gaining hands-on experience? CCESL is offering a new internship program where students will collaborate with community partners for credit!

You'll tackle real-world challenges through special projects as defined by one of CCESL's community partners that will develop your skills in community engagement. The program spans the full academic year, with weekly meetings and variable credit options that can count toward the Community Engagement for the Public Good Minor or Certificate (optional).

#### Changemakers Internship Details

Undergraduate students will have the opportunity to select a community partner organization from <https://ccesl.info/25ChangeMakerSites>.

##### Overview:

- Students will register for 1-2 credits per quarter and need to commit to the internship for the full academic year.
- Weekly meetings will be held on Mondays from 4:00-4:50pm each quarter. Additional internship hours will be arranged with each student's Site Supervisor at their community partner organization.
- Students will identify, in collaboration with their Site Supervisor, a special project to carry out during their internship. The project can be completed individually or as part of a small group.
- The internship class assignments will support students in developing their community partnership(s) and identifying, carrying out, and reflecting on their internship and community-engaged special project. Students will document their work and assignments through an ePortfolio.
- Students may be eligible to receive compensation, up to \$1,200 per quarter and up to \$500 to implement their special project and/or to support the costs of travel to/from the partner site.

#### Class Meetings

Students enrolled in this special internship will **meet every Monday from 4:00-4:50pm**. Class meetings will always be on the same day and time and be held in the CCESL Office (suite 1100 CCOM). Meetings will alternate, however, between class sessions with internship-only students and sessions with all-CCESL students (i.e. including students from other CCESL programs).

- During odd weeks (i.e. Week 1, Week 3, Week 5, etc.), students will have class led by the instructor, CCESL Executive Director, Cara DiEnno.
- During even weeks (i.e. Week 2, Week 4, Week 6, etc.), students will have meetings that all CCESL students attend facilitated by CCESL Associate Director, John Macikas.

The all-CCESL student meetings will focus on general skill-building and reflection on community-engaged work. The internship-only meetings will support students in the development of their internship special projects and related assignments.

#### How to Apply

Complete a brief interest form that asks about your interest in the internship, which partner organizations you'd like to work with, and your acknowledgement about how the internship works. The form can be found here:

<https://ccesl.info/InternshipForm>

Students are welcome to contact Dr. Cara DiEnno ([cara.dienno@du.edu](mailto:cara.dienno@du.edu)) with any questions.

## Registering for Internship Credits

Once the student has been accepted into the internship program, students must register for credits through CENG 3980. To register, students will need to complete the form found here: <https://www.du.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/experientiallearning.pdf> and send to Dr. DiEnno for her signature. Please note the form **MUST** be submitted to the registrar's office **\*before\*** the internship begins.

For this special offering of CENG 3980, **students can register for 1 or more credit hours each quarter**. Internship credit must entail between 3-7 hours per week of supervision, preparation, or work per credit hour equivalent. As such, the following hours/week per credit hour should be used to determine how many credits the student should register for:

- **1 credit:** a minimum of **30 hours**, or approximately **3 hours/week** for 10 weeks (up to 70 hours or 7 hours/week)
- **2 credits:** a minimum of **60 hours**, or approximately **6 hours/week** for 10 weeks (up to 120 hours or 12 hours/week)
- **3 credits:** a minimum of **90 hours**, or approximately **9 hours/week** for 10 weeks (up to 210 hours or 21 hours/week)
- **4 credits:** a minimum of **120 hours**, or approximately **12 hours/week** for 10 weeks (up to 280 hours or 28 hours/week)

## Questions?

For questions or to register, contact the instructor, Dr. DiEnno (cara.dienno@du.edu).