

The **Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy** in Action works to empower students to be agents of change in their communities and beyond; to foster education that meets the needs of the communities we serve; and to help develop pathways to meaningful participation in local, state, and federal government decision making processes.

### **WHY GET THIS CERTIFICATE?**

- Universities, businesses, and community organizations are looking for students ready to take leadership on the campus, in the workplace, and in the community.
- Students completing this certificate will be prepared to work as an entry-level union organizer or staff person at a nonprofit organization.
- For those looking to transfer to a four-year institution, the certificate can help build your application as colleges look for engaged students with experience working in the community.
- The knowledge and experience acquired can be applied to any life situation.
- Our hope is that students passionate about social justice will be able to use this certificate to find meaningful work in order to make a better world for all of us.



This certificate prepares students to be community leaders, agents of change, and responsible participants in civic life in general. They gain in-depth understanding of the social structures that define their worlds, and develop the skills and practical knowledge required to transform those structures and make the world a more equitable place.



## **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL CHANGE**



**De Anza College, East Cottage (E-COT)**

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**Option A: VIDA Cohort**

A cohort of students takes a specified set of classes together as a group each quarter. This option is recommended as there is mentoring and a stronger sense of community among students. Shown in chart as the course in **BOLD**.

**Option B: Independent**

Choose classes from the list below and put together your own approach to the program. Complete the following minimum number of units in each of the four categories with a minimum "C" grade or a Pass on the P/NP scale.

**Understanding Social Change –**

Complete a minimum of 4 units from the following

**Fall Quarter Cohort:**

<b>ICS 17</b>	<b>Critical Consciousness and Social Change</b>	<b>4 units</b>
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**OR Independent:**

ICS 10	An Introduction to African American Studies	4 units
ICS 26	Intro to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies	4 units
ICS 29	Cultural Pluralism and American Law and Justice	4 units
ICS 30	Introduction to Chicano/a and Latino/a Studies	4 units
Poli 15	Grassroots Democracy: Race, Politics and the American Promise	4 units
Poli 16	Grassroots Democracy: Social Movements Since the 1960's	4 units
SOC 5	Sociology of Globalization and Social Change	4 units
WMST 1	Introduction to Women's Studies	4 units
WMST 8	Women of Color in the USA	4 units
WMST 24	Women and Gender in Global Perspectives	4 units
WMST 25	Intro to Black Feminism	4 units
WMST 26	La Mujer: Latina Life and Experience	4 units
WMST 27	Women and Gendered Violence	4 units

**Leadership and Power –**

Complete a minimum of 4 units from the following

**Winter Quarter Cohort:**

<b>ICS 27/POLI 17</b>	<b>Grassroots Democracy: Leadership and Power</b>	<b>4 unit</b>
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**Independent Course Not Available**

**Leadership Skills –**

Complete a minimum of 4 units from the following

**Spring Quarter Cohort:**

<b>ICS 19</b>	<b>Justice, Nature, and the Geographies of Identity</b>	<b>4 units</b>
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**OR Independent:**

BUS 65	Leadership	5 units
COMM 15	Critical Decision-Making in Groups	5 unit
COMM 70	Effective Organizational Communication	1 unit
ESCI 21	Practices of Environmental Stewardship	5 unit
ICS 19	Justice, Nature and the Geographies of Identity	4 unit
ICS 55	Civic Leadership for Community Empowerment	4 units
ICS 2A	Introduction to Peer Mentoring, Leadership, and Community Building	2 units
ICS 2B	Practicum in Peer Mentoring, Leadership, and Community Building	2 units
ICS 55	Civic Leadership for Community Empowerment	4 units
POLI 60A	Introduction to Community Organizing	4 units
POLI 60B	Intermediate Community Organizing	4 units
POLI 60C	Advanced Community Organizing	4 units

**Leadership Internship –**

Complete a minimum of 6 units from the following (2 units per quarter)

**Quarterly Cohort:**

<b>ICS 80 Series</b>	<b>Community Based Learning in ICS</b>	<b>0.5-4 units</b>
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**OR Independent:**

ARTS 72	Internship in Art	1 unit
POLI 64 Series	Political Science Internship	1-4 units
SOSC 80 Series	Community Based Learning in SOSC	0.5-4 units
ICS 80 Series	Community Based Learning in intercultural Studies – Beginning	0.5-4 units
ICS 81 Series	Community Based Learning in intercultural Studies – Intermediate	0.5-4 units
ICS 82 Series	Community Based Learning in intercultural Studies – Advanced	0.5-4 units