

POLISCI 440: Politics of Government Budgeting

Understanding the political concerns of the Democratic Party of Walworth County and presenting solutions

Fall Semester, 2019



Bullet points about impact

- Point 1 Gained insights of solving real community problems
- Point 2 Shown high levels of civic engagement and civic efficacy.
- Point 3 Recommendations for action presented to the political party leaders
- Point 4 Brought the knowledge and resources of the university into the community we serve

PROJECT PURPOSE AND RESULTS

The CBL project in this course aims to address the practical concerns of the Democratic Party of Walworth County. It included 4 components: understanding and describing the community, identifying community problems, analyzing community problems, and finding solutions and taking action. It begins with community issues presented by leaders of DPWC, then proposed actions by students that lead to community transformation and social change. Students presented their solutions to the panel of 6 DPWC Board Members and the State Assembly Representative who represents the UW-Whitewater.

Students really enjoyed the class and found the CBL project to be extremely useful and engaging. For instance, one student states "throughout the course of this class I believe that I did have a lot of personal and professional growth because of how the class was set up. I have never taken a class like this that worked directly with a professional organization like the Walworth County Democrats. Being able to work with the organization this closely has given me a lot of insight into possible jobs that I would like to pursue in my professional future, as well as giving me experience communicating with them in a professional setting. I have also learned a lot from being able to actually work a real world problem, a lot of our classes are only hypothetical or learning facts and history, but in this class, we were given the opportunity to make a real change in the community around us, and that motivated me to do more research and reading than I have done for most of my projects while in school."

Course Offering Information

The Class is offered once every two years.

Format: Hybrid with 8-weeks of class meetings

