COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Hands on look at how people can take action together by creating organizations; recruiting members; analyzing and building power; designing campaigns; and developing winning strategies.

SMLR LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

IV. Theoretical Perspectives - Demonstrate an understanding of relevant theories and apply them given the background context of a particular work situation.

Theoretical perspectives drawn from political science, sociology, history, anthropology, urban planning, and political theory are applied to organizing as an empowerment strategy in disadvantaged communities in this class.

VI. Application – Demonstrate an understanding of how to apply knowledge necessary for effective work performance

Application of various insights from theory, along with a set of concrete organizing skills taught in this class, prepare students for organizing positions or for other positions in an organization that employs organizers.

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Student progress toward meeting these learning objectives will be assessed both through performance in a series of written assignments, and an organizing practicum.

TYPICAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS*:

- Reaction papers 25%
- Organizing practicum 15%
- Essays 40%
- Group exercise 20%

*Course requirements are subject to change.