

Roosevelt Recitation for UNC's Policy Innovation and Analysis (PLCY 210)

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Roosevelt @ UNC hopes to introduce an intimate Honors recitation for PLCY 210 where students become action-oriented policymakers for local issues. The recitation will be modeled off of Dr. David Williams's Policy Scholars course at UGA.

Problem: Undergraduates find it difficult to pursue original policy research and turn their findings into action, especially at the municipal, county, and state levels.

Opportunity: UNC's PLCY 210 gives undergraduates the skills to analyze and write policy. An Honors recitation would capitalize on these skills and provide students with opportunities to bolster their involvement in local issues.

Action: Create an Honors recitation centered on (1) engaging with local policymakers and issues and (2) producing an independent research paper and presentation to publish.

- Independent Research: Expand on PLCY 210's policy briefs
 - Identify a research problem and find a professor that will help guide the investigation
 - Produce a final paper/presentation that can later be put into action
 - Submit research to the Office of Undergraduate Research, *Ten Ideas*, etc.
- Community Involvement: Refocus efforts on local community
 - Connect with Chapel Hill Town Council and state legislatures to bring speakers
 - Understand the issues in Chapel Hill, Orange County, and North Carolina
 - Learn to put policy solutions into action at the local level using Roosevelt resources
- Issues Forums: Introduce a collaborative element
 - Divide class into three groups, each of which will work on a different policy issue
 - Conduct original research and produce a presentation for the class