# **Cover Sheet: Request 12287**

## IDS2338 Rethinking Citizenship: Identity, Collaboration and Action

Info					
Process	Course Modify Ugrad/Pro				
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Description of	Reflections on the concept of citizenship, in the US and internationally. Learn to analyze and to				
request	solve public problems and effectively evaluate methods of civic activism. (S)				
	Requesting change of title to Democratic Engagement and Public Leadership.				

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Department	Approved	CLAS - Interdisciplinary Studies 011601001	Margaret Fields		2/9/2018
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Statewide Course Numbering System					
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Catalog					
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College Notified					
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Requesting change of title to Democratic Engagement and Public Leadership. **Submitter:** Sheila Dickison doctord@ufl.edu **Created:** 2/9/2018 10:41:49 AM **Form version:** 1

### Responses

Current Prefix IDS Course Level 2 Number 338 Lab Code None Course Title Rethinking Citizenship:Identity, collaboration and Action Effective Term Earliest Available Effective Year Earliest Available Requested Action Other (selecting this option opens additional form fields below) Change Course Prefix? No

Change Course Level? No

Change Course Number? No

Change Lab Code? No

Change Course Title? Yes Current Course Title Rethinking Citizenship: Identity, Collaboration and Action Proposed Course Title Democratic Engagement and Public Leadership Change Transcript Title? No

Change Credit Hours? No

Change Variable Credit? No

Change S/U Only? No

Change Contact Type? No

Change Rotating Topic Designation? No

Change Repeatable Credit? No

Maximum Repeatable Credits 0 Change Course Description? No

#### Change Prerequisites? No

#### Change Co-requisites? No

**Rationale** Justification: Over the past year, the online civics course has been updated to reflect changes in our political landscape and implement best practices for online instruction. The course helps students to understand their role in a democratic republic by taking a citizen-centered approach to U.S. history and government. Informed and engaged citizens are the foundation of a thriving democracy. This course provides the skills needed to create change at the local, state, or national level. The course takes a nonpartisan approach to the curriculum — steering away from party politics and focusing instead on the role of the individual in a democracy. Readings, discussions and assignments provide students the ability to make sense of the world around them and their position within it.

In an effort to increase online enrollment, the center feels that a name change is necessary. Based on student and faculty feedback, the current name is confusing as students do not associate the word citizenship with the broader context of the roles and responsibilities within. Students may not consider taking the course because the subject matter is unclear, leading to low enrollment. We believe the new title is well-defined, appealing to students of all academic majors and speaks directly to the content of the course and its required projects. As we begin to institute the state mandate for 'civics literacy,' we are confident that this course offers the appropriate content to meet the state's requirement and that the new title is reflective of what students' can expect.