Free and fair elections are the hallmark of a strong democracy. As we have seen in 2020, it takes professional, well-trained election administrators to make sure our elections run smoothly. The Humphrey School of Public Affairs houses a unique and pioneering program to train students in the running of elections, the Certificate in Election Administration (CEA) program.

The CEA is fully online and available at the undergraduate and graduate level. The program is 12 credits and provides students an entryway into the exciting and expanding field of elections. The courses are taught by national leaders in the field – people with experience running elections as well as implementing policy. We are offering 5 courses this spring semester and we encourage students to try out a course.

**PA 3972 / PA 5972: Elections and the Law (2 cr.)**
A thorough examination of election laws at the federal, state, and local level and how they guide the conduct of elections by officials and voters alike.

**PA 3973 / PA 5973: Strategic Management of Election Administration (2 cr.)**
Strategic management for election administrators in the political environment. The course will cover the distinct phases and hurdles of the policy process and skills for election officials to enact new policy.

**PA 3975 / PA 5975: Election Design (2 cr.)**
An innovative course on design principles and how they are used in election administration. Through small, weekly assignments you will learn and practice new skills in plain language, design, and usability with real election materials.

**PA 3976 / PA 5976: Voter Outreach and Participation (1 cr.)**
Why do some voters turnout while others don’t? This course investigates the patterns and history of voter participation and practical steps to increase voter turnout.

**PA 3984 / PA 5984: Elections Security: How to Protect America’s Elections (2 cr.)**
This course provides elections professionals with tools and best practices to help protect their election technology, guard against influence efforts, and assure public confidence in election outcomes.

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