USC Department of Political Science
Political Organizing in the Digital Age Minor

The digital environment is changing the face of political organization, both in domestic American electoral politics and in the methods used by transnational social movements to call attention to problems around the globe. Howard Dean’s use of Internet to fund his 2004 presidential campaign has made other candidates aware of the political power of the Web in fundraising and grass-roots orchestration of local (and “global”) events. This minor should be of interest to students majoring in International Relations, Political Science or other programs who plan to use technology to affect contemporary national and international affairs.

Minor Requirements
Total Requirements: Five courses (19 units)

Choose one course from each of the following categories:

I. Domestic Political Organizing (4 units)
   POSC 315, POSC 335, POSC 422, POSC 424, POSC 437

II. Transitional Social Movements (4 units)
    IR 305, IR 306, IR 324, IR 371

III. New Technologies in Organizing (3 units)
     ITP 304

IV. The Context of Political Organizing (4 units)
    COMM 321, COMM 489, IR 308, IR 325, IR 330, IR 444, POSC 300, POSC 345, POSC 371, POSC 372, POSC 427, POSC 428, POSC 451, POSC 456

V. Capstone Class (4 units)
   The class allows students to engage more deeply in one of the contributing areas of study
   COMM 487, IR 405, ITP 413x, POSC 395

As with all university minors, at least 4 courses must be unique to the minor (not filling any requirement for an additional major or minor, or any general education requirement other than diversity).