Philanthropy

1. The effort or inclination to increase the well-being of humankind, as by charitable aid or donations.
2. Love of humankind in general.
3. Something, such as an activity or institution, intended to promote human welfare.

[Late Latin philanthropia, from Greek, from philanthros, humane, benevolent : phil-, philo-, philo- + anthropos, man, mankind.]

More and more groups are turning to philanthropic organizations for support as government support shrinks. And companies, organizations, and individuals with resources are seeking to support a wide variety of causes. This class will rigorously explore the history, purposes, processes and functions of philanthropic organizations (focusing on Rhode Island-based organizations), as well as the great range of community issues engaging the philanthropic community. Students and faculty from colleges across the state will foster a breadth and depth of knowledge unavailable at one school alone.

In addition:
- The class will be taught by a professor from RIC and a professor from Brown.
- Students in the class represent all the colleges and universities in RI
- Class meets once a month in Providence at the Rhode Island Foundation
- The class consists of five components:
  a. The monthly seminar with equal parts lecture and discussion
  b. Assigned readings available on-line, to be completed before the monthly session
  c. Written assignments evaluated by a faculty advisor at each institution
  d. A community based group research project to be completed at the end of the year
  e. Optional internship opportunities
- This 3-credit class counts as an elective for the minor in Leadership Studies; the class meets both semesters for a total of 3 credits
- The internship in this class ( an additional 2-3 credits) can count for the required internship in the minor in Leadership Studies)

If you are interested, submit your resume and a statement explaining your interest to Christine Wilson (cwilson@uri.edu). Limited enrollment-apply/register (by permission number only) soon!

For more information, stop by Memorial Union Room 210 or call Christine at 874-5282