

Minor in Social Justice

The Social Justice minor is designed to offer students an opportunity to engage with courses across multiple disciplines that focus on issues related to the pursuit of an equity-based society. This minor will be based within the context of the relationship between individuals and society. Accordingly, its foundational course will provide an introduction to social justice studies. Within this minor, students will be offered a comprehensive overview of the ways that injustice manifests in contemporary society, as well as offering possible solutions to these societal problems. Within the context of the electives, students will be able to pursue an interdisciplinary approach to social justice. The multitude of courses available as electives means that students can explore the concept of social justice from a variety of angles. The Social Justice minor will be a beneficial addition to a large number of majors-especially those that fall within the realm of Humanities, Arts or Social Sciences. This minor will offer students insights into how their respective degrees and future vocations can be used to facilitate a more just world.

COMM 421

Core Courses (6 SH):

SJUS 202G	Social Justice Theory and Practice	3 SH
SJUS 410	Social Justice Internship	3 SH

Electives (12 SH):

CHSV 201S	Counseling and Human Services
CHSV 301	Program Evaluation in Human Services
COMM 355S	Diversity Issues in a Global Context
COMM 414 (WI)	Conflict Transformation Ethics and Advocacy
ENGL302L	Gender and Sexuality in Literature
ENGL300L	Race in Literature
ENGL345L	Environmental Literature
ENGL398L	Special Topics in Literature (by advisor approval only)
ENSC 201N	Introduction to Environmental Science
HSTY 340	The Civil Rights Movement
RAPT 210	Religion in Modern America
RAPT 202	Christian Ethics
RAPT 390	Special Topics: Violence and Peacebuilding
RAPT 390	Special Topics: Liberation Theology: From Latin America to Queer Theology

Courses Offered

SJUS 202G Social Justice Theory and Practice 3 SH

This course provides an introduction to social justice studies. Students are offered a comprehensive overview of the ways injustice manifests in contemporary society and how narratives are built to maintain structures of privilege and/or marginalization. Questions of power, discrimination, institutionalized deprivation and oppression are explored through surveying philosophical, theological, sociological, cultural, feminist, environmental and political theories of justice. Cross-listed with CHSV 202G

SJUS 410 Social Justice Internship 3 or 6 SH

Students are provided with an opportunity to develop professional skills in a variety of community settings through field placement. This hands-on experience integrates practical experience with class- room knowledge. 3 SH requires a minimum of 100 hours of field work for the semester and 6SH requires a minimum of 200 hours of field work for the semester. A weekly seminar with a faculty member provides guidance and evaluation of the learning experience. Prerequisite: Junior Status (cross-listed with SOCY 499/CHSV 401/PSYC 427 Internship) Prerequisite: SJUS 202 and Instructor Permission