

Minor in Social Justice

Minor Codes:

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Social Justice is an interdisciplinary field of study that critically explores issues and social movements focused on equality, fairness, and inclusion. The Minor in Social Justice seeks to provide students with the breadth and depth of knowledge to achieve this critical understanding of justice, equality, and marginality, both in the United States and in the world at large. The minor starts from the assumption that justice matters and includes a critical examination of what constitutes social injustice and how people have organized to redress conditions of inequality in politics, economics, social policy, and health. The Minor in Social Justice will also attend to issues of disparity between dominant groups and those disadvantaged because of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, disability, or other identities, conditions, and social positions.

Social justice focused courses examine the impact of racial and gender inequalities upon American society, examine social movements to redress such inequalities, as well as situate such struggles in relation to larger processes of empire, nation building, and globalization. In a world with ever-widening social and economic inequality, studying the impact of these patterns, as well as the histories, actors, and movements that have worked to redress such inequalities, will better equip students to meet the challenges of contemporary society—in their families and communities, in the workplace, and as citizens in a globalized and unequal world. As with other minors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Minor in Social Justice pays special attention to developing the ability of students to read broadly, to think critically, to evaluate evidence, to construct logical and creative arguments, to write well, and to engage with the world around them.

Requirements for the Minor

Students who want to minor in Social Justice must complete 16 semester hours distributed as follows.

Required Courses

SJ 101	Introduction to Social Justice: Stories and Struggles	3
SJ 201	Theories and Practices of Social Justice	3
SJ 301	Social Justice Capstone	4
6 additional hours of course work chosen in consultation with the advisor		6
Total Hours		16