

Democracy and Justice Studies

(Bachelor of Arts)

Democracy and Justice Studies explores diverse ideals and practices of democracy and justice in the United States and the world through interdisciplinary social and historical studies. Democracy and Justice Studies students look at how people past and present have sought in various ways to sustain and change political, economic, cultural, and social orders. We ask why and how societies develop and whether their political, economic, cultural and social relations and activities promote justice, freedom, equality, and democracy. By cultivating critical thinking and problem-focused thinking, we enable students to become engaged citizens and professionals.

Democracy and Justice Studies encourages students to put democracy and justice into action in the classroom, in internships, in research projects, in their volunteer lives, and in their eventual career choices. Along with substantive training in current and past social and political issues, students learn skills such as digital and textual literacy, the ability to express arguments and ideas clearly in speech and writing, critical thinking, and cultural competence. This program thus offers wide-ranging educational challenges and provides students with broadly applicable learning experiences useful for many career paths in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Democracy and Justice Studies is encouraged and appropriate for individuals interested in graduate work in the social sciences and humanities, law school, journalism, international business, and a variety of careers related to community development, social justice, social and environmental activism, women's and gender equity, and other social issues.

Graduates work in a wide range of careers including business, domestic and international development, education, non-profit work, journalism, law and criminal justice, library science, museum administration, philanthropy, and politics. Some have pursued advanced studies in fields such as anthropology, area studies, criminal justice, economics, history, international relations, law, library science, philosophy, political science, sociology, theology and women's and gender studies.

Majors select one or more areas of emphasis from among the following:

American Studies addresses historical and contemporary political problems, public issues, social criticism and strategies for change in the United States.

Criminal Justice considers the development of the institutions, ideas and processes of the criminal justice system, including questions of freedom, social control, punishment and inequality.

U.S. and the World focuses on the influence of the United States and essential American ideals, including democracy, equality, and social justice, abroad.

Legal Studies examines law and legal systems past and present, both in the United States and around the world, and their relationship to justice and democracy.

Women's and Gender Studies explores historical and contemporary perspectives on women and gender, emphasizing the ways varied and changing gender roles affect economic and social opportunity.

Students seeking a major or minor in Democracy and Justice Studies may choose to combine their programs with another field of study. Among fields most relevant are, business, communication, economics, education, environmental policy and planning, ethnic studies, First Nations studies, global studies, history, human development, journalism, political science, psychology, social work, sociology, urban and regional studies, and women's and gender studies.

We encourage students to study abroad or at other campuses in the United States through UW-Green Bay's participation in international exchange programs and National Student Exchange. Travel courses are another option for obtaining academic credits and completing requirements. For more information, contact the Office of International Education at (920) 465-2190 or see <http://www.uwgb.edu/international/>

Major Area of Emphasis (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2022-2023/undergraduate/programs/democracy-justice-studies/major/>)

Students must complete requirements in one of the following areas of emphasis:

- American Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Legal Studies
- U.S. and the World
- Women's and Gender Studies

Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Supporting Courses		6
DJS 101	Introduction to Democracy and Justice Studies	
Choose one of the following courses:		
ANTHRO 100	Varieties of World Culture	
DJS 200	Mentoring for Equity and Inclusion	
DJS 204	Freedom and Social Control	
DJS 221	American Law in Historical Perspective	
ECON 202	Macro Economic Analysis	
ECON 203	Micro Economic Analysis	
HISTORY 205	American History to 1865	
HISTORY 206	History of the United States from 1865 to the Present	
POL SCI 100	Global Politics and Society	
POL SCI 101	American Government and Politics	
SOCIOL 101	Introduction to Sociology	
WOST 201	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	
WOST 241	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	
Upper-Level Courses		12
DJS 361	Historical Perspectives on American Democracy	
DJS 363	Topics in Democracy and Justice	
DJS 470	Senior Seminar in Democracy and Justice Studies	
POL SCI 349	American Political Thought	
Total Credits		18

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