

Social Justice

The Social Justice minor is an interdisciplinary minor that draws on history, political science, sociology and other perspectives to help students understand what makes societies equitable and fair, and how activists and other agents of change, past and present, have fought for those ideals.

Lower division courses will introduce students to the concept of social justice and open opportunities for students to explore ways to get involved in their community. Upper division courses will allow students to explore a more focused lens for social justice through perspectives such as class, gender, and sexuality.

This minor prepares students for both activist work and enhances the worldview of students who pursue many other career paths with a social justice perspective and experience with practical applications. The social justice minor pairs very well with other humanities and social science majors through which students are exploring questions of equity, justice, and democracy.

Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Supporting Courses		6
DJS 101	Introduction to Democracy and Justice Studies	
Choose one (3 credits):		
COMM SCI 200	Civic Scholars Practicum	
DJS 200	Mentoring for Equity and Inclusion	
DJS 204	Freedom and Social Control	
DJS 221	Law and Equality in Historical Perspective	
WOST 241	Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
WOST 201	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	
Upper level courses		12
DJS 470	Senior Seminar in Democracy and Justice Studies	
Choose three courses (9 credits):		
COMM SCI 497	Internship	
DJS 320	Constitutional Law	
DJS 330	Prison and Society	
DJS 361	Historical Perspectives on American Democracy	
DJS 363	Topics in Democracy and Justice	
HISTORY 365	U.S. Labor and the Working Class: Past and Present	
HISTORY 370	History of Sexuality in the U.S.	
HISTORY 380	U.S. Women's History	
POL SCI 349	American Political Thought	
POL SCI 340	Political Theory	
POL SCI 361	Immigration and Immigration Policy	
WOST 350	Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
WOST 437	Feminist Theory	
Total Credits		18

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