

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.

The minor in Global Studies (<https://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2025-2026/undergraduate/programs/global-studies/>) encourages students to become aware of how contemporary political, economic, social, and environmental problems affect vast regions and diverse communities. The curriculum links global awareness to local concerns, emphasizes the responsibilities of democratic citizenship, and engages the challenges of human rights and justice, values and ethics, resource flows, cultural resistances, and environmental crises.

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 <https://www.uwgb.edu/international-education/>

Major Area of Emphasis (<https://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2025-2026/undergraduate/programs/democracy-justice-studies/major/>)

Students must complete requirements in one of the following areas of emphasis: (<https://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2025-2026/undergraduate/programs/democracy-justice-studies/major/>)

- Criminal Justice (<https://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2025-2026/undergraduate/programs/democracy-justice-studies/major/>)
- Global Democracy (<https://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2025-2026/undergraduate/programs/democracy-justice-studies/major/>)
- Legal Studies (<https://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2025-2026/undergraduate/programs/democracy-justice-studies/major/>)

- Social Justice (<https://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2025-2026/undergraduate/programs/democracy-justice-studies/major/>)
- Social Studies Education (<https://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2025-2026/undergraduate/programs/democracy-justice-studies/major/>)

Global Studies Minor (<https://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2025-2026/undergraduate/programs/global-studies/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Supporting Courses		9
ENV SCI 102	Introduction to Environmental Sciences	
GEOG 102	World Regions and Concepts: A Geographic Analysis	
Choose one of the following courses:		
ANTHRO 100	Varieties of World Culture	
ECON 102	Economics of the Modern World	
ECON 202	Macro Economic Analysis	
EPP 102	Environment and Society	
HUM BIOL 217	Human Disease and Society	
HISTORY 103	World Civilizations I	
HISTORY 104	World Civilizations II	
NUT SCI 250	World Food and Population Issues	
POL SCI 100	Global Politics and Society	
SOCIOL 201	City Life and Globalization	
Upper-Level Courses		15
Choose five courses from the thematic categories below. At least one course must be from each category		
Global Democracy: institutions and citizenship		
DJS 363	Topics in Democracy and Justice (Topic: South Africa. Topic: Genocide)	
GERMAN 358	German Politics and Society	
HISTORY 353	The U.S. and the World	
POL SCI 351	Comparative Politics	
POL SCI 360	International Relations	
POL SCI 370	Foreign and Defense Policies	
Global Environmental Sustainability: natural resources, climate change and human needs and services		
ANTHRO 304	Family, Kin, and Community	
ENV SCI 303	Environmental Sustainability	
ENV SCI 425	Global Climate Change	
HISTORY 326	Global Environmental History	
HISTORY 450	War and Civilization	
NURSING 492	Special Topics in Nursing (Topic: Global Aspects of Healthcare)	
POL SCI 380	Global Environmental Politics and Policy	
PSYCH 350	Cultural Psychology	
Global Peoples: nationality, ethnicity, race and religion		
GEOG 370	Geography of South America	
HISTORY 334	Contemporary Europe	
HISTORY 356	History of Modern Africa	
HUM STUD 360	Globalization and Cultural Conflict	
HUM STUD 384	Topics in World Cultures	
POL SCI 353	Politics of Developing Areas	
Total Credits		24

Social Justice Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Supporting Courses		6
DJS 102	Introduction to Social Justice	
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 351	Comparative Politics
POL SCI 361	Immigration and Immigration Policy
WOST 350	Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
WOST 437	Feminist Theory

Total Credits
18

Faculty

Ekaterina M Levintova; Professor; Ph.D., Western Michigan University

Jon K Shelton; Professor; Ph.D., University of Maryland, chair

Andrew W Austin; Associate Professor; Ph.D., University of Tennessee

Eric J Morgan; Associate Professor; Ph.D., University of Colorado at Boulder

Kimberley A Reilly; Associate Professor; Ph.D., University of Chicago