Social Justice Minor

The minor consists of five credits: a core course, three electives, and an integrative experience course. At least one of the five courses must be a community-based research/service learning course (See footnote¹).

Core Courses

The core courses are intended to provide students with the ability to assess contrasting views of what constitutes social justice and include both self-reflection and critical thinking. In addition, core courses may also give historical background on an issue or issues of social injustice and/or provide an introduction to concepts such as oppression and privilege.

PHIL 214	Social and Political Philosophy	1
POLS 210	Political Theory	1
ENST 255	Environmental Injustice	1

Electives

To ensure interdisciplinary study and to encourage students to develop knowledge of a number of different social justice issues, electives are divided into four categories. A student must take their three elective courses from at least two of the four categories and from at least two different disciplines or departments. No more than two courses can be at the 100-level.

A. Gender and Sexuality

WMST 150	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	1
PHIL 230	Feminist Philosophy	1
EDUC 290	Gender Issues in Education	1
PSYC 303	Critical Psychologies ¹	1
ANTH 290	Medical Anthropology	1
ENGL/WMST 228	Gender and Sexuality in America	1
SOCI 239	Deviance and Identity	1
HUMN 320	History of Sexuality	1
PSYC 232	Psychology of Women	1
GEOG 323	Gender and Geography	1
SOCI/WMST 328	Mating and Marrying in America	1
GEOG 123	Gender, Place, and Culture	1
WMST/POLS 254	Sex and Social Order	1
PSYC 235	Human Sexuality	1
POLS/WMST 238	Women and Politics	1

B. Race and Ethnicity

POLS 263	Race and Ethnicity in American Legal Thought	1
MUSC 257	Music and Culture: Jazz, Rock, and Race	1
ENGL 211	Southern Exposure	1
POLS 371	Minority Politics	1
POLS 219	Latin American Politics	1
ANTH 256	Anthropology of Native North America	1
HIST 290	Europe Imperialism and Colonialism	1
RELI 209	Israel: Land, People, and Tradition	1
POLS 246	Race Ethnicity and American Politics	1
HIST 223	Twentieth-century African-American History: Eyes on the Prize	1
HIST 219	Antebellum America	1
IREL 245	Race, Nation-state and International Relations	1
POLS 211	Third World Politics	1
ENGL 315	Unsettling Memories	1
IREL 215	Cultural Dimensions of International Relations	1

SOCI 243	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	1	
ECON 270	South Africa: Social Entrepreneurship	1	
SOCI 327	Race, Citizenship and Human Rights	1	
C. Poverty, Inequality and Class			

ECON/WMST 236	Unemployment and Poverty ²	1
ECON/GEOG 350	Classical Marxism ²	1
ECON/MGMT/PSYC 270	South Africa: Social Entrepreneurship ^{1, 2}	1
GEOG 209	Economic Geography ²	1
ECON 258	Intermediate Political Economy	1
ECON 458	Marxian Economics	1
EDUC 318	Multiculturalism and Education	1
ECON 309	Globalization and Its Implications	1
HIST 290	Europe Imperialism and Colonialism	1
IREL/UNIV 252	Political Economy of Global Resources	1
SOCI 322	Sociology of Medicine	1-1.5
GEOG 237	Grassroots Development: Nicaragua ¹	1
PSYC 307	Culture and Child Development	1
GEOG/IREL/LAMS 292	Service-Learning in Nicaragua	1
EDUC 101	Social Foundation of Education	1
SOCI 130	Medicine and Society	1
SOCI 215	Human Service Systems ²	1
PSYC 320	Children's Studies ¹	1
IREL 251	International Inequality and Poverty ²	1
SOCI 311	Globalization, Technology, and Cultural Change	1

D. Environmental Justice

ENST 245	Environmental Policy and Politics	1
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ENST 325	Nature, Wealth and Power	1
ANTH 260	Environmental Anthropology	1
IREL 270	Global Governance of Climate Change	1
ENST 211	Environmental Pollution and Control	1
UNIV 200	Integrative Perspectives Course (04: Food Justice/Food Insecurity) 1, 2	1
UNIV 200	Integrative Perspectives Course (01: Climate Change Science and Ethics)	1
SOCI 220	Environmental Sociology	1
ENST 221	Hazardous Waste and Society	1
ENST 205	Green Utopias	1
ENST/ENGL 225/HUMN 290	Susquehanna Country ¹	1

Integrative Experience

Integrative experience courses provide students with the opportunity to apply their knowledge of social justice toward the development of a project or toward extensive participation in community-based research.

UNIV 335	Practicing Democracy: Active Citizenship, Community Engagement, and Social Change	1
SOCI 322	Sociology of Medicine	1-1.5
SOCI 351	Field Research	.5-2
MSUS 400	Sustainablility Action Learning Project	1

Poverty Studies Concentration

Students may choose a concentration in Poverty Studies by choosing a core course, integrative experience course and at least two electives that focus significantly on issues of poverty. These courses (See footnote²) allow students to combine their coursework with a poverty studies internship offered each year through the Shepherd Consortium.

- Community-based research/service learning course
- Poverty studies course

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