

SOCIAL JUSTICE, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description

The Certificate in Social Justice provides concentrated study in the broad field of justice studies. Certificate awardees are required to take 12 credits of courses that examine how unequal power relationships shape human experience and structure life outcomes. These courses will pay particular attention to categories such as race, gender, sexuality, class, nation, faith, physical and mental ability, age, geography, linguistic heritage, citizenship status, and environment. Moving beyond cultural appreciation and difference, affiliated courses will focus on injustice, inequality, and the work of freedom. This certificate program is open to all students and is offered in collaboration with faculty from diverse academic disciplines. With an evidence-driven understanding of history, oppression, and structural inequality, this certificate program champions the ideals of equity, justice, and democracy. Above all, this certificate helps students work toward a future in which all members of our college community and society have been empowered with knowledge and understanding to reach their full potential. Certificate awardees will be better prepared to understand and address issues of injustice not only while in college, but also in their communities and future careers.

Program Requirements

To earn an undergraduate certificate in Social Justice, a minimum of 12 credits is required.

Students must take and earn a C or higher in 4 classes (or 12 credits) in qualifying coursework. There are no entrance requirements nor time limit for completion. All students must take SOC 205N in the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as three other courses from the course list below.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SOC 205N	Critical Race Theory in the Humanities and Social Sciences	3
Select 9 credits from the following:		9
AFAM 101N	African American Women	
AMST 226N	Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop	
CAS 222N	Foundations: Civic and Community Engagement	
CAS 271N	Intercultural Communication	
CAS 455	Topics in Gender and Communication	
CAS 471	Intercultural Communication Theory and Research	
CHEM 3	Molecular Science With Laboratory	
CI 280	Introduction to Teaching English Language Learners	
CRIMJ 406	Sociology of Deviance	
CRIMJ 423	Sexual and Domestic Violence	
CRIMJ 451	Race, Crime, and Justice	
CRIMJ 453	Women and the Criminal Justice System	
EARTH 2	The Earth System and Global Change	
EDTHP 115A	Competing Rights: Issues in American Education	
ENGL 135	Alternative Voices in American Literature	
ENGL 139	African American Literature	
ENGL 182C	Literature and Empire	

ENGL 194	Women Writers
ENGL 236N	Inequality: Economics, Philosophy, Literature
ENGL 472	Current Theories of Writing and Reading
HDFS 175N	Introduction to Youth Development and Arts-based Social Justice
KINES 341	The Historical, Cultural, and Social Dynamics of Sport
MGMT 297	Special Topics
MGMT 497	Special Topics
NUTR 175Z	Healthy Food for All: Factors that Influence What we Eat in the US
PSYCH 441	Health Psychology
RHS 100	Introduction to Disability Culture
SOC 30	Sociology of the Family
SOC 119N	Race, Ethnicity and Culture
SOC 205N	Critical Race Theory in the Humanities and Social Sciences
STS 233Z	Ethics and the Design of Technology
STS 245Z	Globalization, Technology, and Ethics
SUST 242N	Issues in Sustainability
WMNST 100	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
WMNST 200	Global Feminisms
WMNST 116N	Family and Gender Roles in Modern History
WMNST 117	Women in United States History

Non-Course Requirements:

- Students must also complete a Capstone Project. The project must be completed in one of the four Certificate courses in consultation with the student's professor(s) and/or Certificate adviser(s).
- If not on the course list above, students may petition for a single course to count toward the Certificate. Such course exceptions will be made by the Certificate Head(s) only.
- Non-listed courses and independent studies must be approved by Certificate Head(s).