

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 |
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| 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 | |

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| 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).