



SOCIAL JUSTICE IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR THAT FOCUSES ON ISSUES RELATED TO SOCIAL INEQUITIES AND MARGINALIZATION.

THE MINOR

Through the study of theory, empirical evidence, and literature across disciplines and discourses; analysis; experiential learning; and personal reflection, students will:

- Identify and interrogate a variety of explanations for persistent social inequalities, such as personal/behavioral; systemic/structural; cultural; social-psychological analyses.
- Understand the intersections of class, race, gender, sexuality, age, ability, and other elements of social location, as well as how these affect people's access to social institutions, opportunities, and life outcomes.
- Ground an analysis of social injustice in the perspectives of those who are marginalized in society.
- Examine and interrelate the politics and economics of human development; the power dynamics in society; and the function and role of various intersecting social institutions, both private and public.
- Articulate a vision of social justice from multiple perspectives.
- Reflect on one's own role in society related to power and privilege, agency, engaged citizenship, and social change.

WHAT COURSES WILL I TAKE?

The social justice minor requires six courses: **Introduction to Social Justice (SLJ 210)**; a research methods course, an intersectionality course; a political-economy course; and two electives from a very wide array.

One unusual feature of the Social Justice minor is that you will complete a practicum. This consists of a field experience, a one-credit course analyzing that experience, and some public sharing of what you learned. For the practicum each student

has a mentor to help. Examples of such experiences would include Shepherd Poverty Internships, many Bonner service sites, regular internships with social welfare agencies or non-profit groups, and some community-based learning courses.

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Centre students will:

- Study abroad
- Have an internship or research opportunity
- Graduate in four years