

SIMPSON COLLEGE

SOCIAL JUSTICE

STUDIES PROGRAM

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES PROGRAM MAJOR (INTERDISCIPLINARY)

Ten courses, plus a Capstone, are required for the Social Justice Studies (SJS) major.

TWO SJS CORE COURSES:

- SJS 101: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Social Justice Studies (Fall)
- SJS 301: Capstone in Social Justice Studies (Spring every other year)

(SJS 301 will involve, as one component, an internship/service experience that serves an area NGO or non-profit whose mission aligns with the focus of the student's major and concentration. All seniors would be asked to present about their work together in a panel session on Symposium Day. SJS 301 is designed to carry the WC designation/meet the WC learning objectives.)

BREADTH REQUIREMENT COURSES (FOUR COURSES) - Currently each of these courses is offered annually or bi-annually

- SOC 250: Social Justice Policy and Practice (Spring 2019 and every other Spring)
- PHIL 320: Theories of Justice (Spring 2020 and every other Spring)
- ENG 236: Studies in Ethnic and Multicultural Literatures of the US (Spring 2019 and every other Spring)
- SOC 360: Social Movements (PR – Soc 250 – Fall 2018 and every other Fall)

CONCENTRATION AREA

Five courses chosen from *one area* of concentration from at least two departments. It is recommended, but not required, that at least one course have a service learning or a community-based project component. The student must choose concentration when declaring major. (Courses have no prerequisite unless indicated in parenthesis on right)

Ethnic and Cultural Studies

- SPAN 105: Crossing Borders to Latin America
- EXPL 190: Social Justice in Action – End Isms
- SOC 204: Modern Social Problems
- HIST 211: African-American History
- ENG 222: African-American Literature and Culture
- ECON 223: Economics of Poverty (Econ 101 or 102)
- POSC 233: Latin American Politics
- HSV 343: Social Welfare Policy (PR any 1 SW or Soc course)
- PHIL 245: Ethics of Globalization
- POSC 245: Global Issues
- THTR 245: Theater and Social Change
- INTST 251: The Call of Service
- POSC 265: Latino Politics in the U.S.
- COMM 275: Gender, Race, Class, and Media

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- ANTH 310: Indians of the Americas
- SPAN 320: Ideas and Cultures – Latin America (Span 220 or 221 or 222)
- PHIL 321: Latin American Philosophy
- REL 322: Theologies of the Oppressed (PR Rel 250)
- REL 331: Theology and Social Theory (PR Rel 102)
- CJ 335: Inequality and Justice (CJ 220, 343 or 101)
- SCJ 340: Race and Ethnic Relations
- SPAN 340: Latino Communities (Span 220 or 221 or 222)
- One study abroad course with a DP, GP, or EV designation. Likely with service or social responsibility as a core of the experience — that fits the nature of this area of emphasis e.g. Soc 297: Ghana, The Heart of West African Culture
- One May Term class with DP, GP, or EV designation that is approved in advance by the SJS director as appropriate for this area of emphasis e.g. Eng 290: Film and Immigration

Women's and Gender Studies

Students pursuing a minor in Women's and Gender Studies may not choose the concentration in Women's and Gender Studies.

- WMST 101: Introduction to Women's Studies (*offered each semester – and should be the first course taken in the concentration.)
- WMST 170: Gender/Transgender in Popular Culture
- PHIL 211: Feminist Ethics
- SOC 215: Gender and Sexuality
- SOC 215: Sociology of Gender and Sexuality
- PSYC 220: Psychology of Gender
- PHIL 220: Political Philosophy
- HIST 222: American Women's History
- REL 225: Women and Religion in American Culture
- REL 230: Women in Christianity
- ENG 234: Women's Literature, Women's Lives
- THTR 235: Women and Theater
- THTR 245: Theater and Social Change
- REL 260: Feminist Interpretation of the Bible
- POSC 266: Women and Politics
- COMM 275: Gender, Race, Class, and Media
- PHIL 311: Feminist Philosophy
- SOC 311: Women and the Struggle for Equality
- EDUC 321: Human Relations in Teaching – Diversity and Inclusion
- HIST 322: Women and Gender in European History (Wmst 101 or any 200 level history course)
- CJ 333: Sexual Violence
- Any Wmst elective
- One study abroad course with a DP, GP, or EV designation. Likely with service or social responsibility as a core of the experience — that fits the nature of this area of emphasis.
- One May Term class with DP, GP, or EV designation that is approved in advance by the SJS director as appropriate for this area of emphasis e.g. Wmst 170: Transgender-Pop Culture

Environmental Studies

- BIO 103: Environmental Issues (* offered each year – and should be the first course taken in the concentration.)
- NASC 102: Introduction to Meteorology
- CHEM 155: Environmental Chemistry
- ECON 210: Environmental Economics (Econ 100)
- INTST 210: Environmental Awareness
- PHIL 215: Environmental Ethics

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- BIO 240: Conservation Law
- PHIL 245: The Ethics of Globalization
- PHIL 250: Applied Ethics
- INTST 251: The Call of Service
- BIO 253: Principles of Ecology (Biol 110)
- PHIL 255: The Ethics of Development and Consumption
- HIST 261: American Environmental History
- BIO 276: Behavioral Ecology (Biol 110)
- POSC 340: Politics of a Changing World
- SOC 350: Environmental Sociology
- POSC 370: Environmental Politics (Posc 101)
- One study abroad course with a DP, GP, EV designation. Likely with service or social responsibility as a core of the experience — that fits the nature of this area of emphasis.
- One May Term class with DP, GP, or EV designation that is approved in advance by the SJS director as appropriate for this area of emphasis.

Economic Studies

- ECON 100: Macroeconomic Principles (* offered each semester – and should be the first course taken in the concentration.)
- MAGT 131: Management Concepts
- EXPL 190: Social Justice in Action – End Isms
- ECON 210: Environmental Economics (Econ 100)
- SOC 215: Sociology of Gender and Sexuality
- ECON 220: Labor Economics (Econ 100)
- PHIL 220: Political Philosophy
- ECON 223: Economics of Poverty (Econ 100)
- ECON 230: Economic Growth and Development (Econ 100)
- MAGT 231: Business Law and Ethics (Magt 131)
- MKTG 234: Marketing (Magt 131)
- POSC 240: World Politics or PoSc 245: Global Issues
- PHIL 245: The Ethics of Globalization
- INTST 251: The Call of Service
- POSC 265: Latino Politics in the U.S.
- COMM 275: Gender, Race, Class, and Media
- EDUC 321: Human Relations in Teaching – Diversity and Inclusion
- MAGT 333: Organization and Behavior (Magt 131)
- CJ 335: Inequality and Justice (CJ 220, 343 or 101)
- MAGT 340: Labor and Industrial Relations (Magt 131/231)
- HSV 343: Social Welfare Policy (PR met)
- Other appropriate accounting, economics, or management coursework if approved by the SJS program director and appropriate department chair.
- One study abroad course with a DP, GP, EV designation. Likely with service or social responsibility as a core of the experience — that fits the nature of this area of emphasis.
- One May Term class with DP, GP, or EV designation that is approved in advance by the SJS director as appropriate for this area of emphasis.

Religious Studies

- REL 120: Intro to World Religions (*offered each semester – and should be the first course taken in the concentration)
- REL 201: Hope and Despair
- REL 225: Women and Religion in American Culture
- REL 233: Islam
- INTST 251: The Call of Service

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- POSC 245: Global Issues
- PHIL 250: Applied Ethics
- REL 260: Feminist Interpretation of the Bible
- REL 263: Ethics, Religion, and Conflict
- POSC 275: Religion and American Politics
- REL 290: Religious Diversity in Iowa
- ANTH 310: Indians of the Americas
- REL 322: Theologies of the Oppressed (Rel 250 or instructor permission)
- REL 331: Theology and Social Theory (Rel 102)
- POSC 325: Supreme Court and Civil Liberties
- PHIL 335: Philosophy of Religion
- SCJ 340: Race and Ethnic Relations
- One study abroad course with a DP, GP, EV designation. Likely with service or social responsibility as a core of the experience — that fits the nature of this area of emphasis.
- One May Term class with DP, GP, or EV designation that is approved in advance by the SJS director as appropriate for this area of emphasis.

SJS Suggest First Year Courses

Fall:

- An intro course from desired “concentration area”
- Soc 360 Social Movements (T/Th 9:40-11:10)(Will need instructor approval if no previous Soc course taken).

Spring:

- SJS 101 Interdisciplinary Introduction to Social Justice Studies (T/Th 11:20-12:50)
- Soc 250 Social Justice Policy and Practice (T/Th 2:10-3:40)
- Eng 236 Studies in Ethnic and Multicultural Literatures of the U.S.
- Phil 320 Theories of Justice will be offered Spring 2020. Phil 220 (Great background for 320) is offered Spring 2019

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