

SOCIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZING MINOR

This minor provides interdisciplinary classroom instruction in the theories, histories and formation of social identities, structural inequalities, and movements to foster social justice and equity in the United States. Students learn about valuable experiences and practical skills in social justice community organizing through a supervised internship.

Requirements

Fifteen credits at the 2000-level or above are required by taking three credits each from Groups A, B, and D, and six credits from Group C. No more than six credits may be taken in any one department or overlap with the plan of study of any one other major or minor.

Group A: Identities, Intersections, and Categories of Analysis

Course	Title	Credits
AAAS 2201	Introduction to Asian American Studies	3
AAAS/SOCI 2210	Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women	3
AAAS/SOCI 2220	Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change in India and the United States	3
AAAS 3473		3
AFRA 2211	Introduction to Africana Studies	3
AFRA 3106	Black Psychology	3
AFRA/ANTH 3152	Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism	3
ANTH 3041/ LLAS 3241	Latin American Minorities in the United States	3
HDFS 3110	Social and Community Influence on Children in the United States	3
HDFS 3250	Disabilities: A Lifespan Perspective	3
HDFS 3261	Men and Masculinities	3
HDFS 3277	Issues in Human Sexuality	3
HEJS 3511/3511W		3
HRTS 3042	Theories of Human Rights	3
HRTS 3212	Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights	3
HRTS 3220/3220W		3
LLAS 3210	Contemporary Issues in Latino Studies	3
LLAS 3251		3
LLAS/POLS 3667	Puerto Rican Politics and Culture	3
POLS 3012/3012W	Modern Political Theory	3
POLS 3017	Contemporary Political Theory	3
POLS 3032	American Political Thought and Ideology	3
POLS 3062/3062W	Democratic Theory	3
POLS 3072	Political Protest and Ideology	3
POLS 3082	Critical Race Theory as Political Theory	3
PHIL 2217	Social and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 3216E	Environmental Ethics	3
PHIL 3218	Feminist Theory	3
PSYC/WGSS 3102	Psychology of Women	3

SOCI 2503/2503W	Prejudice and Discrimination	3
SOCI 2509/2509W		3
WGSS 2250	Critical Approaches to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
WGSS 3257/3257W	Feminist Disability Studies	3
WGSS 3270/3270W	Masculinities	3

Group B: State Structures and Systems of Inequality and Control

Course	Title	Credits
AAAS/HIST 2530	Asian American Experience Since 1850	3
AAAS 3531	Japanese Americans and World War II	3
AAAS/LLAS 3875		3
AFRA 2211	Introduction to Africana Studies	3
AFRA/HRTS/SOCI 2520	White Racism	3
AFRA/SOCI 2510	Ethnicity and Race	3
AFRA 3033	Race and Policy	3
AFRA 3563	African American History to 1865	3
AFRA 3564	African American History Since 1865	3
AFRA 3618	Comparative Slavery in the Americas	3
ANTH 3027	Contemporary Native Americans	3
ASLN/WGSS 3254	Women and Gender in the Deaf World	3
COMM/LLAS/WGSS 3321	Latinas and Media	3
COMM/WGSS 3210	Gender and Communication	3
ECON 2444	Women and Minorities in the Labor Market	3
ECON 2445	Economic Foundations of Gender Inequality	3
ECON 2456	Economics of Poverty	3
ENGL 2605	Capitalism, Literature, and Culture	3
HDFS 3420	Abuse and Violence in Families	3
HDFS 3421	Low Income Families	3
HDFS 3520	Legal Aspects of Family Life	3
HDFS 3530	Public Policy and the Family	3
HDFS 3540	Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy	3
HDFS 3550	Comparative Family Policy	3
HIST/WGSS 3560	Constructions of Race, Gender, and Sexuality in U.S. History	3
HIST/WGSS 3561	History of Women and Gender in the U.S. to 1850	3
HIST/WGSS 3562	History of Women and Gender in the United States, 1850-Present	3
HIST 3575/ HRTS 3221/LLAS 3221	Latinos/as and Human Rights	3
HIST/LLAS 3660W	History of Migration in Las Americas	3
HIST 3674/ LLAS 3220	History of Latinos/as in the United States	3
HRTS/WGSS 2263	Women, Gender, and Violence	3
HRTS 3201	The History of Human Rights	3
HRTS/SOCI 2830	Class, Power, and Inequality	3
HRTS/WGSS 3445	Economic Foundations of Gender Inequality	3

LLAS 3271/ POLS 3834/ AMST 3271		3	ECON 2498/ HRTS 3298/ WGSS 3998	Variable Topics (when offered as Economics of Gender and Inequality)	3
LLAS 3525	Latino Sociology	3	Group C: Creating Social Justice, Equity and Freedom		
POLS 2622	State and Local Government	3	Course	Title	Credits
POLS 2998/2998W	Variable Topics in Contemporary Political Issues	3	AAAS 3220	Asian American Art and Visual Culture	3
POLS 3202/3202W	Comparative Political Parties and Electoral Systems	3	AAAS 3212	Asian American Literature	3
POLS 3203	Environmental Policy and Institutions	3	AFRA 3206	Black Experience in the Americas	3
POLS/WGSS 3247	Gender and War	3	AFRA 3213/3213W	Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century African American Literature	3
POLS/WGSS 3249	Gender Politics and Islam	3	AFRA 3215	Twentieth- and Twenty-First Century African American Literature	3
POLS 3612	Electoral Behavior	3	AFRA 3050/3050W		3
POLS 3613/3613W	Congressional Elections	3	AFRA 3131	African-American Theatre	3
POLS 3615/3615W		3	AFRA 3217/3217W	Studies in African American Literature and Culture	3
POLS 3617	American Political Economy	3	AFRA 3568	Hip Hop, Politics and Youth Culture in America	3
POLS 3618	Politics of Inequality	3	AFRA 3569	Slavery in Film	3
POLS 3622	American Political Leadership	3	AFRA 3642	African-American Politics	3
POLS 3625	Public Opinion	3	AFRA 3647	Black Leadership and Civil Rights	3
POLS 3627	Connecticut State and Municipal Politics	3	AFRA/SOCI 2530	African Americans and Social Protest	3
POLS 3632/3632W/ URBN 3632/3632W	Urban Politics	3	AFRA/POLS/WGSS 3652	Black Feminist Politics	3
POLS 3672/ WGSS 3052	Women and Politics	3	ENGL/WGSS 3609	Women's Literature	3
POLS 3822/3822W	Law and Popular Culture	3	ENGL/WGSS 3611	Women's Literature 1900 to the Present	3
POLS 3827	Politics of Crime and Justice	3	ENGL/WGSS 3613	LGBTQ+ Literature	3
POLS 3842	Public Administration	3	HRTS/SOCI 2800	Human Rights in the United States	3
POLS 3847	The Policy-making Process	3	HRTS 3252	Business and Human Rights	3
POLS 3850		3	HRTS 3254	Social Responsibility and Accountability in Business	3
POLS 3857	Politics, Society, and Education Policy	3	HRTS 3256/3256W	Politics and Human Rights in Global Supply Chains	3
SOCI 2110/2110W		3	HRTS 3257	Assessment for Human Rights and Sustainability	3
SOCI 2280/2280W	Sociology of Mental Illness	3	HRTS 3326	Global Health and Human Rights	3
SOCI 2310	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	HRTS 3430	Evaluating Human Rights Practices of Countries	3
SOCI 2320/2320W	Drugs and Society	3	HRTS 3475	Economic Development and Human Rights	3
SOCI 2325/2325W		3	HRTS 3575	Human Rights, Digital Media, Visual Culture	3
SOCI 2501/2501W	Sociology of Intolerance and Injustice	3	HRTS 3807	Constitutional Rights and Liberties	3
SOCI 2660	Sociology of Health	3	HRTS		3
SOCI 2701E	Sustainable Societies	3	3835W/3835W/ SOCI 3835/3835W		
SOCI 2709E/2709WE	Society and Climate Change	3	LLAS 2011W	Introduction to Latino-American Writing and Research	3
SOCI 2820/2820W	Sociological Perspectives on Poverty	3	LLAS 2012	Latinos in Connecticut: Writing for the Community	4
SOCI 2841/2841W	Public Opinion and Mass Communication	3	LLAS 3230/ WGSS 3258	Latina Narrative	3
SOCI/WGSS 3317		3	LLAS 3270/ POLS 3662	Latino Political Behavior	3
SOCI 3425	Social Welfare and Social Work	3	POLS 2429/2429W	Political Violence	3
SOCI/WGSS 3453	Women and Health	3			
SOCI 3507	Race and Reproduction	3			
SOCI/WGSS 2680	Sociology of Sexualities	3			
URBN 2000/2000W	Introduction to Urban and Community Studies	3			
URBN 3276/3276W	Urban Problems	3			
URBN 3632/3632W	Urban Politics	3			
WGSS 2267	Women and Poverty	3			
WGSS 3255/3255W	Sexual Citizenship	3			
WGSS 3264	Gender in the Workplace	3			

POLS 3203	Environmental Policy and Institutions	3
POLS 3210/3210W		3
POLS/WGSS 3216	Women in Political Development	3
POLS 3218/3218W		3
POLS 3426	Politics, Propaganda, and Cinema	3
POLS 3837/3837W		3
SOCI 2835/2835W		3
WGSS 2255/2255W	LGBTQ Sexualities, Activism, and Globalization	3
WGSS 3269	Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements	3
ENGL 3629/ WGSS 3998	Holocaust Memoir (when offered as Studies in Literature: Femme Fatales)	3
MUSI 4995/ WGSS 3998	Special Topics (when offered as Women in Music)	1-4

Group D: Service Learning/Internship

Course	Title	Credits
AAAS/AFRA/LLAS/ WGSS 4100	Experiential/Service Learning Seminar	4

In this interdisciplinary seminar, students learn and work alongside other University of Connecticut students, instructors and local activists as they examine the history of social justice organizing in the United States and gain practical skills in community organizing and political advocacy. Student practitioners gain familiarity with the theories, strategies, and practice of community organizing movements, such as those for immigration, environmental, reproductive, and racial justice.

Note

The minor is offered by Africana Studies; Asian and Asian American Studies Institute; El Instituto: Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies; and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.