

Minor in Social and Economic Justice Curriculum Description

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The Minor in Social and Economic Justice is for students interested in better understanding social justice and participatory democracy and in working towards the attainment of social justice in our society. A key objective is to provide a road map of the courses that offer knowledge about democratic participation, human rights, racial, ethnic and gender equality, social and economic justice, sustainable development, and peace. Students who anticipate working in nonprofit organizations, or in advocacy roles in local communities or in governmental organizations, will find this minor especially useful.

Students are required to meet one Community Action Learning requirement, through the university's service-learning program. This requirement can be met in one of two ways. First, the student may take a course that includes a service-learning component. Second, the student may take a 3-credit Independent Studies, Internship, or Special Topics course (summer or regular academic term) [DEPT.PREFIX 4905, 4941, or 4930] with a faculty member. The student in these community action learning internships must be evaluated by the company, agency or organization in which they serve in addition to fulfilling the academic requirements of the course. (This option counts both as a course and as meeting the service-learning requirement).

Four courses from the attached list [TBA after consultation with chairs and directors] are required. Thus, the minor is fulfilled with 15 to 16 credits, depending on whether the service learning requirement is part of a three-credit course or is fulfilled in another way (as Special Studies) or as a component of a course not listed below. Students may NOT use courses in the SEJ minor to also count as General Education. Students in the SEJ minor may use only one course in their major to also count as a course in the minor.

(Professor Hernán Vera of the Department of Sociology will administer the minor in its first three years of existence.)