The Micah Program’s Interdisciplinary Minor in Urban Poverty Studies

REQUIREMENTS

- **120** hours of community service completed during your SLU career
- **18** hours in approved courses*, **with no more than 6 hours at the 100 level**
  - *including the MH 4960 Senior Capstone or equivalent.
  - MH 4960 (independent study): Must focus on the student's area of specialization.
  - Or, students pursuing a major that also requires a senior capstone or practicum may, with the
    permission of the Director of the Micah Program, count that course in place of MH 4960 if the
    focus of study is on urban poverty and meets the MH 4960 requirements.

COURSE CHECKLIST (Courses listed under Course List section)

- ____ One course from General courses list (Example: a Micah section of THEO 100).
- ____ One course from Applied courses list (Example: Urban Crisis or Micah ENG 195).
- ____ Two courses from your Area of Specialization list. (Courses listed under your area).
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- ____ One extra course from any category (Example: Micah’s PHIL 105 or ENG 195).
- ____ One senior capstone course (Example: A 3 credit hours independent study in
  MH 4960 or an approved senior capstone/practicum/seminar from your major).

Pursuing Another Minor or Certificate
Courses counted toward another minor may not be included.

Contracting for a Course
In unusual circumstances, students may (at the discretion of the Director) count relevant courses not listed in
the certificate’s course list by contracting with the instructor to write a substantive paper related to urban
problems or community service. The contract form is available in the Micah office. Contracts must be
approved no later than the fourth week of classes.

Studying in Latin America
Students pursuing the track in Immigration and Globalization have the option to study for a semester in Latin
America. Courses taken there on the history and culture of the region may be counted toward the 9 hours
required in that track. As soon as possible (and no later than the term before taking MH 4960), students
concentrating on Immigration and Globalization must fulfill a prerequisite of 3 hours of college Spanish or its
equivalent. Those opting to study abroad must satisfy that prerequisite before departing for Latin America.
Language study does not count toward the 18 hours required for the certificate.
COURSE LIST

Please note: Some courses are cross-listed and you might take it under a different department other than what is listed below. In addition, with the Director's approval, Micah students may be able to use a course to fulfill a certificate requirement other than what is listed below. However, a course may only fulfill one requirement.

Coursework must include 18 hours distributed in the following four categories:

1. **General**

   Choose at least one of the following courses on the nature of justice and social ethics

   - ASTD 2700 Women and Social Justice*  
   - PHIL 1050 Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality (Micah sections only)  
   - THEO 1000 Theological Foundations (Micah sections only)  
   - SOC 1500 The Urban Community: Race, Class, and Spatial Justice  
   - THEO 2515 Social Justice  
   - THEO 3515 Poverty, Wealth & Justice *

   *Or, these four courses can apply in an Area of Specialization instead.

2. **Applied**

   Choose at least one of the following courses on urban social and political problems:

   - ASTD 3100 Making the American City  
   - ASTD 3200 The Urban Crisis (cross-listed with AAM and HIST)  
   - ASTD 3300 Workshop in the City  
   - CCJ 2050 - Multiculturalism for the CJ Professional  
   - CVNG 2030 Sustainability and Environmental Engineering  
   - ECON 4100 Urban & Regional Economics  
   - ED 2200 Today's Diverse Educational Environment: Trends and Issues  
   - ENGL 1900/1950 Advanced Writing about Urban and Social Problems (Micah)  
   - HIST 3570 U.S. Social and Intellectual History Since 1861  
   - HIST 3610 Civil Rights in America, 1865-1965  
   - NURS 3440/3447 Public Health Nursing (Nursing capstone option for the Certificate)  
   - NURS 3457 Community Project (Nursing capstone option for the Certificate)  
   - POLS 2210 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice  
   - POLS 2930: Urban Politics  
   - POLS 3210 - Shelter in America  
   - POLS 3800 The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally  
   - POLS 3330 Metropolitan Environment  
   - SOC 1500 - The Urban Community: Race, Class, and Spatial Justice  
   - SOC 4250 Urban Classics  
   - SOC 2500 Social Ecology  
   - SOC 3220 Urban Sociology  
   - SOC 4080 - Urban Issues: Poverty and Unemployment  
   - SOC 4100 Introduction to Urban Economic  
   - SOC 4200 Cities, Suburbs & Neighborhoods  
   - SOC 4530 Urban Ethnography  
   - THEO 2525 Theological Bioethics: Medicine and Morality
3. **Areas of Specialization**

Choose at least two courses in one of the following areas.

**A. Cycles of Exclusion**

- AAM 2000 Introduction to African American Studies
- AAM 2010 Contemporary Black America
- AAM 2500 - Intergroup Dialogue
- AAM 2900 - Intergroup Dialogue: Black Male Identity
- AAM 3200 African American Culture
- AAM 3270 Diversity & Anti Oppression
- ASTD 3020 - American Mosaic: Literature & Diversity
- ASTD 3400 Prisons in American Culture
- AAM 3500 Social Inequality
- AAM 4000 - Field Service - Community Activism in St. Louis High Schools
- AAM 4270 U.S. Anti-Black Racism
- AAM 4830 Post 1900 African American Literature
- AAM 4900 Black Women in Society
- CCJ 3500 Race & Crime
- CMM 4070 Social Justice Communication
- CMM 4320 Communicating Across Racial Divisions
- ENGL 3280 American Literary Traditions after 1865
- ENGL 3520 African American Literary Traditions II: After 1900
- FSTD 4200 African American Cinema
- PHIL 4820 Philosophy and Race
- POLS 2150 Black Politics
- POLS 2210 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice
- POLS 3930 Special Topics: Power in U.S. Society
- PSY 4340 African American Psychology
- SOC 2180 Cities and Space
- CCJ 3100 Juvenile Justice
- SOC 3360 Racial and Ethnic Relations
- SOC 5400 Race, Gender, Class and Criminal Justice
- SOC 5500 Social Stratification: The Sociology of Inequality
- SWRK 3100 The American Social Welfare System
- SWRK 3200 Diversity and Anti-Oppression Practice
- THEO 3830 African American Religious Traditions

**B. Immigration and Globalization**

- IB 3020 Latin American Business
- ECON 3790 Economies of Latin America
- HIST 3180 Modern Latin America
- LAS 3000 Introduction to Latin American Studies
- OCS 3720 - Critical Perspectives of Culture, Occupation, & Justice
- PHIL 4750 Latin American Philosophy
- POLS 2570 Introduction to Latin American Politics
- POLS 2580 Politics of Mexico
- POLS 3540 Latin American Social Movements
- POLS 3560 Political Process – Latin America
- POLS 3570 Third World Development
- POLS 3600 Problems of Globalization
- POLS 3810 Latin American-U.S. Relations
- PUBH 2300 Contemporary Issues in Global Health
- SOC 3180 Immigration
- SPAN 2230 Latin American Culture and Civilization
- SPAN 2240 Meeting the Other--Hispanic Experience
- SPAN 4190 Three in One--The Hispanic Experience
• SPAN 4380 Cultural Stereotypes--Latin American
• THEO 4810 Nicaragua: Theology and Culture
• THEO 3415 Christ and Color: Liberation Theology

C. Healthcare

• CSDI 3000 Characteristics of Multicultural Populations
• DIET 4300 Foundations in Community Nutrition
• SOC 2360 Diversity & Health Disparities
• NURS 3445 or 3447 Public Health Nursing (Nursing capstone option)
• NURS 3457 Community Project (Nursing capstone option for the Minor)
• OCS 3720 Critical Perspectives of Culture, Occupation, & Justice
• PUBH 2100 Introduction to Global Health
• PUBH 2300 Contemporary Issues in Global Health
• PUBH 3100 Public Health & Social Justice
• PUBH 4000 Politics and Public Health Advocacy
• THEO 2525 Theological Bioethics: Medicine and Morality

D. Theory of Social Justice

• AAM3500/SOC 3500 Social Inequality
• AAM 4330 Psychology of Oppression
• AAM 4810 Philosophy and Race
• ENGL 2250 - Conflict, Social Justice and Literature
• ENGL 4150 Ethnic and Race Studies
• PHIL 4360 Topics in Social & Political Philosophy
• PHIL 4750 Latin American Philosophy
• PHIL 4820 Philosophy and Race
• PHIL 4840 Catholic Social Thought
• POLS 2010 Ethics and Politics
• POLS 3520 Communism, Capitalism, and Social Justice
• POLS 3740 Capitalism, Racism, Patriarchy: Theorizing Structural Power
• POLS 3800 Structures of Poverty: Globally and Locally
• PSY 4330 Psychology of Oppression
• SOC 5500 Social Stratification
• THEO 3415 Christ and Color: Liberation Theology
• THEO 2525 Theological Bioethics: Medicine and Morality
• THEO 2515 Social Justice
• THEO 3515 Poverty, Wealth, & Justice

4. SENIOR CAPSTONE

Complete a 3 credit hours independent study in MH 4960 or an approved senior capstone/practicum/seminar from your major.