Interdisciplinary Minor in Global and Local Social Justice

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The mission statement of Saint Louis University affirms a commitment to the "promotion of faith and justice in the spirit of the Gospels." Because of this commitment, SLU attracts a great many students who are moved to confront fundamental social problems such as poverty, injustice, or war. In order to address these and other problems meaningfully, students must understand the social and political systems that contribute to them causally and the cultural environments in which they occur. The aim of this unique interdisciplinary minor program is to provide students with such an understanding.

The Global and Local Social Justice interdisciplinary minor is a cooperative program that draws required or elective courses from several departments and programs, including American Studies, Political Science, Public Health, Public Policy Studies, Sociology and Anthropology, Social Work, and Women’s and Gender Studies. The interdisciplinary minor is open to all majors. To be admitted, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be approved by the program director.

Continuation Standards
Students with a minor in Global and Local Social Justice must maintain a 2.0 GPA in courses for the Global and Local Social Justice minor.

Required Courses (21 credits)

1. One class in theories of justice (3 credits)
POLS 2930 Theories of Justice
POLS 3710 Ancient & Medieval Political Thought
POLS 3720 Renaissance & Mod Political Thought
POLS 3770 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice
PUBH 3100 Public Health and Social Justice
SOC 2100 Classical Social Theory
WGST 3720 Renaissance & Mod Political Thought
WSTD 3760 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice

2. One class in local and domestic issues (3 credits)
AAM 2000 Intro to African American Studies
ASTD 3200 The Urban Crisis
ASTD 3010 Ethnic Groups in the US
SOC 3220 Urban Sociology
SOC 3230 Gender and Society
SOC 3350 Social Movements
SOC 3360 Racial and Ethnic Relations
SOC 3380 Political Sociology
SOC 3500 Social Inequality
SWRK 3100 American Social Welfare System

3. One class in global issues (3 credits)
POLS 1510 Politics of the Developing World
POLS 2520 Introduction to African Politics
POLS 2570 Introduction to Latin American Politics
POLS 3500 Asian Miracles
POLS 3520 Communism, Capitalism, and Social Justice
POLS 3540 Latin American Social Movements
POLS 3570 Politics of Development
POLS 3600 Problems of Globalization
POLS 4500 Democratization
POLS 4620 Global Diplomacy
POLS 4840 Politics of Health
PUBH 2100 Introduction to Global Health
PUBH 2300 Contemporary Issues in Global Health
SOC 2220 Peace and Conflict Studies
SOC 3460 Principles of Social Development

4. ONE additional class in either local and domestic issues (category 2) or global issues (category 3) (3 credits)

5. One service learning course or internship with a social or political focus (3 credits)
ASTD 3910 Service Learning Internship
POLS 3800 The Structure of Poverty: Global and Local
POLS 2210 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice
POLS 3850 Feminism in Action
SOC 4040 Sociology Practicum: Community Organizing
SWRK 4200 Social Work Practicum (has prerequisites)
WGST 3850 Feminism in Action
(Many internships, if approved, can also meet this requirement.)

Elective courses approved by the Director (6 credits)
As electives, students may take additional classes in any of the five required categories, or they may choose from a list of courses approved by the director.