

Minor in Urban Poverty Studies

OVERVIEW

Drawing on the long tradition of Saint Louis University's commitment to the city of St. Louis, the interdisciplinary minor in Urban Poverty Studies is an examination of local, national and global forms of poverty, inequality and social injustice in urban environments. Through coursework and practical experience serving in St. Louis, students from across academic disciplines will think critically about the most pressing problems faced by people living on the margins in contemporary cities. In addition, they will investigate the ways in which the minor can supplement their major field of study.

REQUIREMENTS

Although the minor is administered by the Micah Program, it is open to all SLU undergraduates. It requires

- At least four terms, or the equivalent, of approved community service, averaging at least at least 30 hours per term.
- **18** hours in approved courses, including a final capstone - either UPS 4960 or an approved equivalent.
 - The capstone must focus on urban poverty.
 - 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 UPS 4960 if the focus of study is on urban poverty.

MINOR CHECKLIST

COURSE NUMBERS:

_____ **One course from General courses list.**

_____ **One course from Applied courses list.**

_____ **Two courses from your Area of Specialization list.**

_____ **One additional elective** from any category in the minor's approved course list.

_____ **One senior capstone course.** Either UPS 4960 (3) or a senior capstone/practicum/seminar approved by the Micah Director.

_____ **Non-Course Requirement: Community Service**

Contracting for a Course

Substitutions: In unusual circumstances, students may (at the discretion of the Director) substitute relevant courses not listed above by contracting with the instructor to write a substantive paper related to urban problems or community service. Contracts must be approved no later than the second week of classes.

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