Micah Program

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Freshman Community
Upon arrival at the University, freshmen enroll in special sections of introductory courses that encourage interdisciplinary study and reflection and, in most cases, satisfy University core requirements.

Since enrollment is limited, classes are small, allowing participants to work closely with their instructors and their fellow students.

In the fall, we explore ideals of justice and social order in the Classical and Christian traditions. Students take the following two courses:

THEO 100 Theological Foundations
PHIL 105 Intro to Phil: Self and Reality

These courses sections are co-taught and consist of only students participating in the Micah Program.

In the spring, we turn to social problems that hinder the realization of the ideals that we studied in the fall. Students take at least one of the following:

ASTD 322 The Urban Crisis
THEO 260 Christian Moral Life

Micah freshmen who have not fulfilled their English writing core requirements also take

ENGL 195 Advanced Writing about Urban and Social Problems

Companions
Students not affiliated with the Freshman Community may enter the program by attending Micah co-curricular activities, taking at least one course approved for the Interdisciplinary Minor in Urban Social Analysis, and performing at least 30 hours of community service with us.

Interdisciplinary Minor in Urban Social Analysis
The Interdisciplinary Minor, which is administered by the Micah Program, is open to all undergraduates at the University, regardless of their school or major. No affiliation with the Micah Program is required.

Requirements:
- At least four terms (or their equivalent) of community service, averaging at least 30 hours per term
- At least 18 hours of approved courses, of which no more than 6 hours may be at the 100-level
- MH 490 Senior Capstone (or equivalent).

Approved courses: Students are required to distribute their 18 hours in the following four categories:

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

PHIL 105 Intro to Philosophy: Self and Reality
   (Micah sections only)
THEO 100 Theological Foundations
   (Micah sections)
THEO 260 Christian Morality (Micah sections)
THEO 361 Social Justice
THEO 367 Poverty, Wealth and Justice
THEO 467 Social Ethics: Christian Faith in the Public Sphere.

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

ASTD 315 American Social Movements
ASTD 320 Making the American City
ASTD 322 The Urban Crisis
ASTD 324 Workshop in the City
CVNG 203 Sustainability & Environ Engineering
ECON 410 Urban and Regional Economics
ED 220 Today's Diverse Educational Environment: Trends and Issues
EDF 304 School as a Social System
ENGL 195 Advanced Writing about Urban and Social Problems
HIST 357 US Social & Intellectual Hist Since 1861
HIST 361 Civil Rights in America, 1865-1965
NURS 432 Public Health Nursing
   (Nursing capstone option for Certificate)
NURS 491 Community Project
   (Nursing capstone option for Certificate)
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   (Nursing capstone option for Certificate)
POLS 221 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice
POLS 309 Aldermanic Internship
POLC 380 The Structure of Poverty:
Area of Specialization
Choose at least two courses in one of the following areas:

**A. Cycles of Exclusion**
- AAM 200 Introduction to African American Studies
- AAM 201 Contemporary Black America
- AAM 320 African American Culture
- AAM 327 Diversity and Anti-Oppression
- ASTD 330 Prisons in American Culture
- AAM 335 African American Religious Traditions
- AAM 350 Social Inequality
- AAM 427 U.S. Anti-Black Racism
- AAM 483 Post 1900 African American Literature
- AAM 490 Black Women in Society
- CMM 432 Communicating Across Racial Divisions
- ENGL 324 Literature and the City
- ENGL 331 African American Lit Trad II: After 1900
- FSTD 420 African American Cinema
- PHIL 482 Philosophy and Race
- POLS 215 Black Politics
- POLS 221 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice
- PPS 300 Current Urban Political and Government Problems
- PPS 410 Introduction to Urban Economics
- PPS 411 Urban Employment and Training Policy
- PPS 460 Law, Courts, and Urban Change
- PSY 434 African American Psychology
- SOC 218 Cities and Space
- SOC 355 Juvenile Justice
- SOC 336 Racial and Ethnic Relations
- SOC 440 Race, Gender, Class and Criminal Justice
- SOC 450 Social Stratification: The Sociology of Inequality
- SWRK 302 The American Social Welfare System
- SWRK 327 Diversity and Anti-Oppression Practice
- SWRK 407 Child Welfare Services
- THEO 226 African American Religious Traditions

**B. Immigration and Globalization**
- CMH 235 Contemporary Issues in Global Health
- ECON 379 Economic/Political/Social Development: Latin America
- ENGL 485 Latino American Literature
- HIST 318 Modern Latin America
- IB 302 Latin American Business
- LAS 300 Introduction to Latin American Studies
- PHIL 475 Latin American Philosophy
- POLS 257 Introduction to Latin American Politics
- POLS 258 Politics of Mexico
- POLS 354 Latin American Social Movements
- POLS 356 Political Process – Latin America
- POLS 357 Third World Development
- POLS 360 Problems of Globalization
- POLS 381 Latin American-U.S. Relations
- PUBH 235 Contemporary Issues in Global Health
- SOC 318 Immigration
- SOC 345 The Sociology of Development: Latin America
- SPAN 223 Latin American Culture and Civilization
- SPAN 224 Meeting the Other--Hispanic Experience
- SPAN 419 Three in One--The Hispanic Experience
- SPAN 425 Cultural Stereotypes--Latin American
- THEO 260 Christian Morality (Micah sections only)
- THEO 337 US Hispanic Theology
- THEO 468 La sangre de los mártires
- THEO 469 La theologia del martirio en Latinoamerica: God of the Martyrs
- THEO 488 Nicaragua: Theology and Culture
- THEO 357 Studies in Faith and Reason, The Theology of Gustavo Gutierrez
- THEO 349 Hispanic Theology

**C. Theory of Social Justice**
- AAM 433 Psychology of Oppression
- AAM 350 Social Inequality
- AAM 481 Philosophy and Race
- ENGL 415 Ethnic and Race Studies
- PHIL 436 Topics in Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 475 Latin American Philosophy
- PHIL 482 Philosophy and Race
- PHIL 484 Catholic Social Thought
- POLS 201 Ethics and Politics
- POLS 352 Communism, Capitalism, and Social Justice
- POLS 374 Capitalism, Racism, Patriarchy: Theorizing Structural Power
- POLS 380 Structures of Poverty: Globally & Locally
- PSY 433 Psychology of Oppression
- SOC 350 Social Inequality
- SOC 450 Social Stratification: The Sociology of Inequality
- THEO 260 Christian Morality (Micah sections only)
- THEO 349 Hispanic Theology
THEO 357 The Theology of Gustavo Gutierrez
THEO 360 Christian Morality and Health Care
THEO 361 Social Justice
THEO 367 Poverty, Wealth, and Justice
THEO 382 Spirituality of Nonviolence
THEO 461 Spirituality and Political Commitment
THEO 467 Social Ethics: Christian Faith in the Public Sphere.

**Senior Capstone**
Complete MH 490 or an approved 3-hour senior capstone, practicum, or seminar in your major. The course must culminate in a 10-page paper and an oral presentation on a topic involving urban poverty in the student’s Area of Specialization for the Interdisciplinary Minor.

Courses taken to satisfy the requirements of the core or of a major or minor in another discipline may also be counted toward the Interdisciplinary Minor. Courses, however, counted toward another interdisciplinary minor (such as African American Studies or Women's Studies) may not be included.

In unusual circumstances, students may (at the discretion of the Director) count 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 fourth week of classes.

**Study abroad:**
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 490), 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 Interdisciplinary Minor.