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 Director.

Required Courses 21

1. One class in theories of justice 3
POLS 293 Theories of Justice  
POLS 371 Ancient & Medieval Political Thought  
POLS 372 Renaissance & Mod Political Thought or  
WSTD 372 Renaissance & Mod Political Thought  
POLS 376 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice or  
WSTD 376 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice  

2. One class in local and domestic issues 3
AAM 200 Intro to African American Studies  
ASTD 315 American Social Movements  
ASTD 322 The Urban Crisis  
ASTD 420 Ethnic Groups in the US  
ASTD 427 US Anti-Black Racism  
ASTD 475 History of Racism  
PPS 408 Urban Issues: Poverty and Unemployment  
SOC 322 Urban Sociology  
SOC 323 Gender and Society  
SOC 335 Social Movements  
SOC 336 Racial and Ethnic Relations  

SOC 338 Political Sociology  
SOC 350 Social Inequality  
SWRK 302 American Social Welfare System  
SWRK 327 Diversity and Anti-Oppression Practice  
WSTD 197 Introduction to Women's Studies

3. One class in global issues 3
PUBH 201 Introduction to Global Health  
PUBH 305 Contemporary Issues in Global Health  
POLS 151 Politics of the Developing World  
POLS 252 Introduction to African Politics  
POLS 257 Introduction to Latin American Politics  
POLS 350 Asian Miracles  
POLS 352 Communism, Capitalism, and Social Justice  
POLS 354 Latin American Social Movements  
POLS 357 Politics of Development  
POLS 360 Problems of Globalization  
POLS 450 Democratization  
POLS 462 Global Diplomacy  
POLS 484 Politics of Health  
SOC 222 Peace and Conflict Studies  
SOC 346 Principles of Social Development

4. One additional class in either global or local/domestic issues (category 2 or 3) 3

5. One service learning course or internship with a social or political focus 3
ASTD 394 Service Learning Internship  
ASTD 395 Service Learning Project  
POLS 380 The Structure of Poverty: Global and Local  
POLS 221 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice  
PPS 397 Metropolitan Environment service learning section  
SOC 404 Sociology Practicum: Community Organizing  
SWRK 482 Social Work Practicum (has prerequisites)  
POLS 385 Feminism in Action or  
WSTD 385 Feminism in Action  
(Many internships, if approved, can also meet this requirement.)

Elective courses approved by the Director 6

As electives, students may take additional classes in the five required areas, or they may choose from a list of courses approved by the director.