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 1000 Theological Foundations
PHIL 1050 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 3200 The Urban Crisis
AAM 2010 Contemporary Black America
LAS 3000 Introduction to Latin American Studies

Micah freshmen that have not fulfilled their English writing core requirement also take

ENGL 1900 Advanced Strategies Of Rhetoric and Research

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 Poverty Studies, and performing at least 300 hours of community service with us.

Minor in Urban Poverty Studies

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 credits per term
• At least 18 credits of approved courses, of which no more than 6 credits may be at the 1000-level
• MH 4960 Senior Capstone (or equivalent).

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

General

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

PHIL 1050 Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality (Micah)
THEO 1000 Theological Foundations (Micah) 
THEO 2510 Christian Morality (Micah) *
THEO 3515 Poverty, Wealth and Justice *
*Or, these two courses can apply in an Area of Specialization instead.

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
ASTD 3300 Workshop in the City
CVNG 2030 Sustainability and Environmental Engineering
ECON 4100 Urban and Regional Economics
ED 2200 Today’s Diverse Educational Environment: Trends and Issues
ENGL 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 Public Health Nursing (Nursing capstone option for the Minor)
NURS 3457 Community Project (Nursing capstone option for the Minor)
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POLS 2210 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice
POLS 2220 Urban Politics
POLS 3210 Shelter in America
POLS 3800 The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally
POLS 3330 Metropolitan Environment
SOC 2500 Current Social Problems
SOC 3240 Urban Sociology
SOC 4100 Introduction to Urban Economic
SOC 4200 Urban Ecology: Neighborhood
SOC 4530 Urban Ethnography
THEO 2525 Christian Morality and Health Care

Area 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 3200 African American Culture
AAM 3270 Diversity and Anti Oppression
ASTD 3400 Prisons in American Culture
AAM 3500 Social Inequality
AAM 4270 U.S. Anti-Black Racism
AAM 4830 Post 1900 African American Literature
AAM 4900 Black Women in Society
CMM 4320 Communicating Across Racial Divisions
ENGL 3285 Literature and the City
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
SOC 3360 Racial and Ethnic Relations
SWRK 3100 The American Social Welfare System
SWRK 3200 Diversity and Anti-Oppression Practice
THEO 3830 African American Religious Traditions
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 2510 Christian Morality (Micah sections only)
THEO 4810 Nicaragua: Theology and Culture
THEO 3415 Studies in Faith and Reason, The Theology of Gustavo Gutierrez

C. Health Care
HSCI 2000 The U.S. Health Care System (open only to students in the Program in Health Sciences)
CSDI 3000 Characteristics of Multicultural Populations
DIET 4300 Foundations in Community Nutrition
SOC 2360 Diversity and Health Disparities
NURS 3440 Public Health Nursing (Nursing capstone option)
NURS 3457 Community Project (Nursing capstone option for the Minor)
OCS 3720 Critical Perspectives of Culture, Occupation, and Justice
PUBH 2300 Contemporary Issues in Global Health
PUBH 3100 Public Health and Social Justice
PUBH 4000 Politics and Public Health Advocacy
THEO 2525 Christian Morality and Health Care

B. Immigration and Globalization
ECON 3790 Economic/Political/Social Development—Latin America
HIST 3180 Modern Latin America
IB 3020 Latin American Business
LAS 3000 Introduction to Latin American Studies
OCS 3720 Critical Perspectives of Culture, Occupation, and 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

Theory of Social Justice
AAM 3500 Social Inequality
AAM 4330 Psychology of Oppression
AAM 4810 Philosophy and Race
ENGL 4150 Ethnic and Race Studies
PHIL 4360 Topics in Social and 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 3500 Social Inequality
THEO 2510 Christian Morality (Micah sections only)
THEO 3415 The Theology of Gustavo Gutierrez
THEO 2525 Christian Morality and Health Care
THEO 3515 Poverty, Wealth, and Justice

Senior Capstone
Complete MH 4960 or an approved 3-credit senior capstone, practicum, or seminar in the student’s major. The course must culminate in an 8-10 page paper and an oral presentation on a topic involving urban poverty in the chosen 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 credits required in that track. As soon as possible (and no later than the term before departing for Latin America or taking MH 4960), students studying abroad as part of the concentration in Immigration and Globalization must fulfill a prerequisite of 3 credits of college Spanish or its equivalent. Language study does not count toward the 18 credits required for the Interdisciplinary Minor.