

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES, BA

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Justice Studies is an interdisciplinary degree program integrating theories, methods, and substance of economics, history, political science, and sociology as they bear on questions of social justice. What is "social justice"? What are the processes that produce injustice in our world, and how do they operate? How are people working - or how might people work - to achieve social justice? The program is available as a minor as well as a B.A.

Advising

Students completing a Social Justice major are encouraged to take ECON 101 PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS I, SOC 101 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY and POS 101 UNITED STATES POLITICS for their social science distribution courses; these are prerequisites for many of the required courses in the major. Students must receive a minimum grade of C- for a course to count toward the major. The overall grade point average must be 2.0 or higher.

Requirements

Students majoring in Social Justice Studies complete 11 courses (33 credit hours) related to social justice in a variety of disciplines. There are 21 credit hours of Core courses and 12 credit hours of Electives. The capstone experience is either an internship in an organization with a social justice mission or a senior thesis.

Electives are chosen in conjunction with your advisor.

- To ensure the interdisciplinary character of the major, students will be limited to two electives from any one department.
- One elective should be a transformational learning course.
- Two electives must be at the 300 level.
- No 100-level electives will be accepted.
- A grade of C or higher is required in all courses in the major
- At least 15 credit hours in the major must be taken at Roosevelt.

The Social Justice Studies advisory committee designates elective courses each semester. Students can view these by clicking on the Social Justice Studies attribute link on the class schedule.

These courses are required for the Social Justice Studies major:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core		
POS 367	SOCIAL MOVEMENTS (or Substitute Social Movements course chosen in conjunction with SOCJ advisor)	3
SOC 290 or POS 290 or ECON 234	THE RESEARCH PROCESS RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	3
SOCJ 201	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES	3
SOCJ 208	INTRODUCTION TO WORKING CLASS STUDIES	3
SOCJ 214	ECONOMICS OF GLOBALIZATION	3
SOCJ 326	THEORIES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE	3
SOCJ 360	INTERNSHIP IN SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES	3

Four electives, two of which must be at the 300 level	12
General Education, University Writing Requirement, and Electives	
Courses to total 120	87
Total Credit Hours	120

Students interested in graduate programs in social science or public policy are encouraged to take MATH 217 ELEMENTARY STATISTICS/ECON 234 ELEMENTARY STATISTICS/SOC 291 SOCIAL STATISTICS: INTRODUCTION TO PROBABILITY & STATISTICS (3 credit hours) and ECON 346 INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMETRICS (3 credit hours)

CORE Requirements (General Education)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
First Year Success Course or Transfer Success Course		
FYS 101 or TRS 101	FIRST YEAR SUCCESS COURSE TRANSFER SUCCESS 101	1
Communication Requirement		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
LIBS 201	WRITING SOCIAL JUSTICE (Transfer students with acceptable communication credit may be exempt from this requirement.)	3
Ideas Across Disciplines		
3 credits in coursework categorized as Ideas.		3
Humanities and Fine and Performing Arts		
9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Speech and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Mathematics		
MATH 110	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above)	3
Science		
One biological science and one physical science required (at least one must be a four-hour lab). (Not applicable for science majors)		7-8
Social Sciences		
9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Experiential Learning		
6 credits from coursework categorized as Experiential Learning.		
Total Credit Hours		41-42

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences:

- Students must earn a minimum of 120 semester hours.
- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.

- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 70 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University. Note that some majors have additional requirements for RU hours.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)

Major Elective	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
15		15

Total Credit Hours 120

- ¹ Or course towards an optional Minor
- ² One Natural Science course must have a lab.
- ³ Satisfies CORE Experiential Learning requirement
- ⁴ Experiential Learning courses must be 200/300 level. SOCJ 211 recommended.

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

Year 1

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
ENG 101	3 ENG 102	3
FYS 101	1 ECON 101	3
MATH 110	3 Ideas Across Disciplines	3
BIOL 111 or 112 ²	4 Humanities #2	3
Humanities #1	3 Physical Science ²	3
14		15

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
SOCJ 201	3 HIST 106 or 107 (or Humanities #3)	3
ECON 234, SOC 290, or POS 290	3 SOCJ 208	3
LIBS 201	3 SOCJ 214	3
Experiential Learn	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
15		15

Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
POS 367	3 SOCJ 326	3
Major Elective	3 Major Elective	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹		1
15		16

Year 4

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
Major Elective	3 SOCJ 360 ³	3