

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES, BA

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Justice Studies is an interdisciplinary degree program that integrates 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:

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 398	SOCIAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIP	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 338 FINANCIAL CRISES & MARKETS (3 credit hours)

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Academic Communities of Practice		
ACP 101	FIRST YEAR SEMINAR ¹	3
ACP 110	PRIMARY TEXTS	3
ACP 250	FOUNDATIONS FOR CHANGE	3
English Composition ²		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
Humanities		
Select 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	3
Non-Western requirement		
Non-Western course (can be used for Humanities or Social Sciences general education requirements)		3
RU mission-related course ²		
LIBS 201	WRITING SOCIAL JUSTICE	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		
Select 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
Total Credit Hours		49-50

¹ Required for students who enter RU with fewer than 12 credit hours

² Minimum grade of C- required

³ Math, Computer Science & Technology, and Science majors have different requirements—see advisor

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

- 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 66 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 must have a minimum of 90 hours in Arts and Sciences.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)

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

Total Credit Hours 121

- ¹ Or course towards an optional Minor
- ² Any course at the 200 level within the discipline.
- ³ Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.
- ⁴ This requirement can be fulfilled by other requirements.
- ⁵ One Natural Science course must have a lab.

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
ACP 101	3 ACP 110	3
ENG 101	3 ENG 102	3
MATH 110	3 ECON 101	3
BIOL 111 or 112	4 Humanities #1	3
SOC 101	3 Physical Science ⁵	3
		15
		16

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
LIBS 201 or ACP 250	3 ACP 250 or LIBS 201	3
ECON 214	3 HIST 106 or 107 ^{Humanities #2}	3
SOCJ 201 or SOC 290	3 Humanities #3	3
ECON 234	3 ECON 208	3
Major Elective	3 General Elective ¹	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
		15
		15

Year 4

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
Major Elective	3 SOCJ 360 or 398	3
Major Elective	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3