JUSTICE STUDIES DUAL MAJOR

https://cola.unh.edu/justice-studies/program/justice-studies-dual-major

Description

The justice studies dual major is an interdisciplinary area that blends topics from humanities departments (e.g., philosophy), social science departments (e.g., psychology, sociology, women’s and gender studies), departments that include both humanities and social science faculty (history, political science), and professionally oriented departments (education, family studies, social work). Topics studied include courts, family violence, rights, substance abuse, juvenile justice, school law, children as witnesses, hate crimes and community policing. Students will be required to choose a first major before they will be able to declare justice studies as a second major. The goal is to produce graduates who have a higher level of knowledge about law and justice in American society and in the world so that they will mature into more knowledgeable and effective citizens. The justice studies dual major is intended for students who are looking for careers in the justice system or who seek graduate training in law or social sciences and humanities related to the law.

Requirements

The dual major in justice studies requires students to take a minimum of eight courses (32 credits), each completed with a grade of a C- or better. Students are required to have a grade-point average of a 2.5 or better before they can be accepted into the program. The dual major cannot be declared until after a first major has been declared. Students can count no more than two courses for both the first major and dual major, and students are not allowed to take more than two courses from any one department (except for JUST). An unlimited number of dual major courses can be used to satisfy Discovery requirements.

Elective Courses

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Bill of Rights and Law & Society are allowed to count as the JS SOC/POLT requirement.

The required minimum overall GPA in major coursework is 2.5.

Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of each individual major program. Bachelor of arts candidates must also satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement.

Students who are interested in a dual major in justice studies will need to file an Intent to Dual Major form. The form is available in the justice studies office or can be downloaded from the program website at cola.unh.edu/justice-studies. Program offices are located in Room 206 of Huddleston Hall and are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Ellen Cohn at (603) 862-3197, e-mail ellen.cohn@unh.edu; or Deb Briand at (603) 862-1716, e-mail deborah.briand@unh.edu.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

- Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental theoretical approaches and key disciplinary concepts of Justice Studies.
- Demonstrate understanding of justice studies methods of research design, data gathering, and analysis.
- Exhibit critical thinking skills in evaluating justice studies research, including the background assumptions, appropriateness of methods used and the strength of explanatory evidence.
- Communicate justice studies knowledge in appropriate oral, written and graphic forms.
- Experience justice studies either in the real world through an internship or in a research lab through a research internship.