

SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP MINOR

<https://cola.unh.edu/womens-gender-studies/program/minor/social-justice-leadership>

Description

The minor in social justice leadership engages students in an exploration of policies, power dynamics, institutions and structures that promote and hinder equity and processes of change required for social justice. Students will examine various forms of injustice such as sexism, racism, classism, ableism and environmental degradation. The minor is grounded in three pillars – a theory component, a leadership component and experiential learning activities. The minor is interdisciplinary in nature, drawing on disciplines such as anthropology, education, English, history, philosophy, political science, social work and sociology. After completing the curriculum, students will have gained a historical perspective, theoretical understanding and applied leadership skills that are needed for social justice work and activism. The minor certifies students' knowledge regarding, and commitment to, social justice leadership, which will be useful in postgraduate pursuits.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
THEORY		
WS 401	Introduction to Women's Studies	4
or WS 405	Gender, Power and Privilege	
LEADERSHIP		
WS 505	Survey in Women's Studies (Leadership Part I)	4
or WS 796	Advanced Topics	
APPLIED		
Choose one capstone course from the following (normally taken at the end of the course sequence):		
WS 795	Independent Study	
WS 796	Advanced Topics	
WS 797	Internship	
WS 798	Colloquium	
or other relevant approved capstone dealing with social justice leadership issues		
Choose two electives in Social Justice and/or Leadership (see list below)		8
Total Credits		20

Approved Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Courses in the Women's and Gender Studies Department		
WS 444	Trans/Forming Gender	4
WS 444A	Race Matters	4
WS 444C	On the Roads to Equality	4
WS 444D	Cyborgs, Avatars, and Feminists: Gender in the Virtual World	4
WS 505	Survey in Women's Studies (Leadership in the Real World)	4
WS #510	Framing Feminism: Gender Politics in Film	4
WS #515	Game Girl: The Social Construction of Gender Identities in Video Games	4
WS 632	Feminist Thought	4
WS 795	Independent Study	1-4
WS 796	Advanced Topics	4
WS 797	Internship	4
WS 798	Colloquium (such as Women in Prison)	4
Courses in Other College of Liberal Arts Departments		
ANTH 500	Peoples and Cultures of the World (Sub-Saharan Africa)	4
ANTH 625	Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspectives	4
ANTH 685	Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa	4

ANTH 750	Islam and Gender: Gendered Lives of Muslims	4
CMN 505	Analysis of Popular Culture	4
CMN 567	Gender, Race, and Class in the Media	4
CMN 757	Public Address and the American Experience (Social Protest: Rhetoric of Resistance)	4
EDUC 444B	Public Issues, Democratic Schooling & Active Citizenship in a Global Context	4
EDUC 500	Exploring Teaching	4
EDUC #717	Growing up Male in America	4
ENGL 585	Introduction to Women in Literature (Dreamgirls: Studies in Beautiful Blackness)	4
ENGL 650	I Hear America Singing: Studying American Literature and Culture (Latina/o Literature, Playing in the Dark: Race & Sex in American Literature, American Literature & Consumer Culture)	4
ENGL 693	Special Topics in Literature (Literary Responses to the Holocaust)	4
ENGL #738	Asian American Studies (Beauty Queens & Silver Screens)	4
ENGL 739	American Indian Literature	4
ENGL #785	Feminist Literary Traditions	4
HIST 566	Comparative Revolutions: How to Make a Revolution in the World before Marx	4
HIST 624	Topics in Modern US History (Reform Movements & Popular Protest)	4
HIST 665	Themes in Women's History (Gender & Politics)	4
HIST 690	Seminar: Historical Expl (Gay & Lesbian History: From the Victorian Era to Stonewall)	4
HIST 797	Colloquium (Citizenship & Inequality in the Americas)	4
HUMA 592	Special Topics in the Humanities (Women in Western Religion: Goddesses, Witches, Saints & Sinners)	2-8
HUMA 700	Seminar (Love & Ethics)	4
PHIL 430	Ethics and Society	4
PHIL 436	Social and Political Philosophy	4
PHIL 450	Environmental Ethics	4
PHIL 510	Philosophy and Feminism	4
POLT 548	Drug Wars	4
POLT 762	International Political Economy	4
Courses in the College of Health and Human Services		
HDFS 746	Human Sexuality	4
NURS 450	Making Babies: Technology, Nature, and Social Context	4
OT 513	Stressed Out: The Science and Nature of Human Stress	4
SW 697	Special Topics in Social Welfare (Exploring Social Justice & Cultural Competency)	4
SW 715	Practice with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender People	4

The women's and gender studies core faculty will consider approving other courses that include more than 50% of content related to social justice leadership.

Once students have declared the minor, they are required to meet with the associate coordinator at least once per semester for regular review of progress towards the degree.

Transfer credits may be approved by the coordinator to count towards the minor. If the transfer credit is accepted by the university and fits within the scope of the minor, it will be considered.