

# DESIGN YOUR OWN DEGREE

Interdisciplinary Studies–Social Sciences



## Public Service and Government

Students interested in a career in public service through government or the non-profit sector will find that this track offers a choice of classes that promote balanced learning between the formal structure of government and the more flexible nature of non-profit advocacy. This major allows students to examine the inner-workings of government, including the legislative process, the development of public policy, provisions of public health services, etc..., as well as an opportunity to explore roles and careers in the public service sector and gain a better understanding of the roles advocates play in the support of marginalized communities and populations. This major is supported by courses in Anthropology, History, IDS, Law & Justice, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

### Program Objectives

Students will explore the role of government in daily life, including legislation, public policy, public health, law enforcement, and the court system.

Students will identify roles and careers within the public service sector.

Students will explore the impact of social systems on social justice and marginalized communities.

Students will recognize the three branches of federal government and understand how each branch impacts states, communities and individuals.

### IDS 47 – Credit Major

#### 10 credits of core required courses

- IDS 289 – Introduction to the Major (1)
- IDS 389 – Academic and Career Exploration (2)
- IDS 489 – Senior Portfolio Project (2)
- SOC 363 – Methods of Social Research (5)

#### 12 credits of highly recommended courses

- LAJ 420 - Community and Social Justice
- POSC 325 - Introduction to Public Policy
- POSC 313 - The Legislative Process
- UNIV 309 - Civic Engagement

#### 25 Credits of Additional Courses

- ANTH 363 - Culture and Economy
- HIST 144 - US History since 1865
- HIST 314 - Military History of the United States
- IDS 354 - Bedlam to Bellevue
- IDS 363 - The Simpsons: Social Institutions and National Community
- IDS 405 - Essentials of Project Funding in the Social Sciences
- LAJ 300 - Administration of Criminal Justice
- LAJ 342 - Juvenile Justice PLAJ 353 - Great American Trials
- LAJ 401 - Ethics, Diversity, and Conflict in Criminal Justice
- LAJ 420 - Community and Social Justice
- LAJ 451 - Crime in America
- LAJ 455 - Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

## **Additional Courses Cont.**

POSC 210 - American Politics  
POSC 230 - State and Local Government  
POSC 260 - Comparative Politics  
POSC 311 - Women and Politics  
POSC 318 - Political Parties and Interest Groups  
POSC 452 - The Constitution and Human Rights  
PSY 333 - Social Justice: The Psychology of  
Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Discrimination  
PSY 346 - Social Psychology  
PSY 465 - Psychology and the Law  
SOC 305 - American Society  
SOC 338 - Political Sociology  
SOC 346 - Criminology  
SOC 349 - Law and Society  
SOC 359 - U.S. Feminist Movements  
SOC 362 - Social Movements  
SOC 370 - Social Change  
SOC 375 - Sociology of Conflict  
SOC 445 - Social Inequality  
SOC 446 - Sociology of Immigration  
SOC 460 - Community Structure and Organization

## **Recommended Minors**

Political Science  
You can find minors in the CWU Catalog

## **Possible Employers**

Legislative, executive, or judicial officials  
National, state, or local government  
Political action committees  
Political parties  
Campaigns: national, state, or local  
Industrial, educational, and public interest groups  
Lobbying organizations  
Large business firms  
Polling and consulting firms  
Advocacy organizations

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