

Social Work/Social Justice

For students who are interested in social work and want to be grounded in a variety of perspectives, the IDS-Social Sciences Social Work/Social Justice track might be a good option. This major allows students to examine issues of equity, social justice, access to services, and effective service provision through multiple social science lenses, such as psychology, sociology, IDS, law and justice, and cultural studies. Students will be able to prepare themselves for a profession and graduate studies by completing this degree.

Program Objectives

Students will become informed citizens through critical analysis of social norms, laws, regulations, and media that contribute to or perpetuate the marginalization of specific social groups.

Students will articulate ways that race, class, and gender might influence individual conceptualization and attitudes about social justice.

Students will gain appreciation for diversity through examining how social, psychological, historical, economic, political, and cultural factors affect privilege and social position.

Students will demonstrate the knowledge and competencies critical for effective social work.

IDS 47/62 – 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)

PSY 300 or SOC 363 – Methods of Social Research (5)

14 credits of highly recommended courses

SOC 301 - Introduction and History of Social Service Agencies

SOC 310 - Social Service Methods and Casework

PSY 310 - Multicultural Psychology and Social Justice

IDS 405- Essentials of Project Funding in the Social Sciences

25/38Credits of Additional Courses

SOC 109 - Social Construction of Race

SOC 350 - Social Theory I

SOC 356 - Sociology of Gender

SOC 358 - Sexualities

SOC 359 - U.S. Feminist Movements

SOC 362 - Social Movements

SOC 365 - Minority Groups

SOC 366 - Sociology of American Indians

Additional Courses Cont.

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SOC 366 - Sociology of American Indians

SOC 370 - Social Change

SOC 386 - Seminar on Racism

SOC 442 - Social Welfare Policy

SOC 445 - Social Inequality

SOC 446 - Sociology of Immigration

IDS 354 - Bedlam to Bellevue on Being Mad in the US

Additional Courses Cont.

IDS 357 - Race, Drugs and Prohibition in the U.S

IDS 369- Living Voices of America: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Indigenous Women in the U.S.

PSY 303 - Analysis Everyday Behavior

PSY 312 - Queer Theory and Sexuality

PSY 333 - Social Justice: The Psychology of Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Discrimination

PSY 346 - Social Psychology

PSY 438 - Substance Abuse and Dependence

PSY 445 - Clinical, Counseling and Community Psychology

PSY 449 - Abnormal Psychology

PSY 454 - The Helping Interview

PSY 483 - Psychology of Gender

HIST 344 - American Manhood in Historical Perspective

HIST 346 - Women in American History

POSC 343 - The Politics of the U.S. Mexico Border

ANTH 314 - Human Variation and Adaptation in Living Populations

ANTH 333 - Culture & Marriage

ANTH 347 - Native American Cultures of North America

ANTH 356 - Gender Roles in Cross-cultural Perspective

ENST 202 - Ecosystems, Resources, Population, and Culture

LAJ 311 - Family Law

LAJ 403 - Sexual Minorities, the Law, and Justice

LAJ 420 - Community and Social Justice

LAJ 453 - Domestic Violence Issues

LAJ 470 - Victimology

Recommended Minors

American Indian Studies

Africana and Black Studies

Latino and Latin American Studies

Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

Sociology

Social Services

Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

You can find more minors in the CWU Catalog

Possible Employers

Advocacy organizations

Development corporations

Community centers

Local, state, and federal government

Political associations

Hospitals

Public Health Programs

Foster care organizations

Community residential homes

Peace Corps

International aid and relief organizations