

URBAN POVERTY STUDIES, MINOR

Drawing on the long tradition of Saint Louis University's commitment to the city of St. Louis, Missouri, the interdisciplinary minor in urban poverty studies is an examination of local, national and global forms of poverty, inequality and social injustice in urban environments.

Leadership

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Curriculum Overview

Through coursework and practical experience serving in the city of St. Louis, students from across academic disciplines will think critically about the most pressing problems faced by people living on the margins in contemporary cities. In addition, they will investigate the ways in which the minor can supplement their major field of study.

The 15-credit interdisciplinary minor, which is administered by the Micah Program (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/micah/>), is open to all undergraduates at the University, regardless of their school or major. No affiliation with the Micah Program (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/micah/>) is required.

Requirements

Courses listed below in each category are only a sample of the overall course options which fulfill requirements for the minor. The Micah program director will discuss with you the interdisciplinary courses that can be used for the minor. No course may fulfill more than one urban poverty studies minor requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory Courses		6
Choose two courses (6 credits) on the nature of justice, urban social and political problems and social ethics with an Urban Poverty-Introduction attribute.		
<i>Examples are:</i>		
ASTD 3200	The Urban Crisis	
PHIL 1050	Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality	
THEO 1000	Theological Foundations	
THEO 2515	Social Justice	
ASTD 2600	American Places	
POLS 2200	State and Local Politics	
SOC 1500	The Urban Community: Race, Class, and Spatial Justice	
SOC 2080X	Urban Issues: Poverty and Unemployment	
Four Areas of Specialization		6
Choose at least two courses in one of the following areas with Urban Poverty attributes.		
<i>Examples are:</i>		
<i>Urban Poverty - Cycles of Exclusion</i>		
AAM 2000	Freedom Dreams: Intro to African American Studies	
CCJ 3500	Race, Ethnicity, and the Criminal Justice System	

CMM 4320	Communicating Across Racial Divisions
PHIL 4820	Philosophy and Race
PSY 4330	Psychology of Oppression
Urban Poverty - Immigration and Globalization	
ASTD 3020	American Mosaic: Literature & Diversity
LAS 3000	Introduction to Latin American Studies
POLS 3800	The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally
SOC 3180	Immigration
THEO 3415	Christ and Color: Liberation Theology
Urban Poverty - Health Care	
HSCI 2000	The U.S. Health Care System
NURS 3100	Healthcare Policy, Finance and Regulatory Environments
PUBH 2300	Contemporary Issues in Global Health
SOC 2360	Health Inequalities in the U.S.
Urban Poverty - Theory of Social Justice	
ENGL 2250	Conflict, Social Justice and Literature
PHIL 4840	Catholic Social Thought
POLS 3800	The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally
PSY 4330	Psychology of Oppression
THEO 2515	Social Justice
Additional Electives	
One additional course from any category with an Urban Poverty attribute.	
Total Credits	

3	15
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Non-Course Requirement: Community Service

At least four terms (or their equivalent) of approved community service, averaging at least 30 hours per term.

Substitutions

In unusual circumstances, students may (at the discretion of the director) substitute relevant courses not listed above by contracting with the instructor to write a substantive paper related to urban problems or community service. Contracts must be approved no later than the second week of classes.

Continuation of Standards

Students must have a GPA of 2.00 in urban poverty studies minor coursework to be retained in the minor.