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.

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Choose two courses (6 credits) on the nature of justice, urban social and political problems and social ethics with an Urban Poverty-Introduction attribute.

Examples are:

- 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

Choose at least two courses in one of the following areas with Urban Poverty attributes.

Examples are:

Urban Poverty - Cycles of Exclusion

- AAM 2000  Freedom Dreams: Intro to African American Studies
- CCJ 3500  Race, Ethnicity, and the Criminal Justice System

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

15

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.