

URBAN POVERTY STUDIES, MINOR

Drawing on the long tradition of Saint Louis University's commitment to the city of St. Louis, 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.

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 is open to all undergraduates at the University, regardless of their college/school or major.

Requirements

Courses listed below in each category are only a sample of the overall course options which fulfill requirements 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. They should be 1xxx level courses.

Examples are:

CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy
SOC 1500	The Urban Community: Race, Class, and Spatial Justice

Four Areas of Specialization	6
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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
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
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
PSY 4330	Psychology of Oppression
THEO 2515	Social Justice

Additional Electives	3
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One additional course from any category with an Urban Poverty attribute.

Total Credits	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 Standards

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