



# Social Justice Studies

The Social Justice Studies (SJS) minor provides students with opportunities to develop a knowledge framework and skills necessary to participate in the building of a just society. By introducing students to diverse social justice issues through the lens of multiple disciplinary perspectives and by providing opportunities for experiential learning, the SJS minor will help students become active contributors to positive social change.

## Minor Requirements

---

The SJS minor is available to students in any major, *however* at least three courses in this minor must be unique to the minor and not be used to satisfy the requirements of any other major or minor.

The minor consists of 5 courses (20 credits total) that must be taken from at least three different disciplines (i.e., three different course prefixes):

- At least one course from the Core Courses group
- Four electives (more than 50 options!) - two JayTerm courses or a credit-bearing internship or independent study may be substituted for one of the elective courses, with program coordinator's approval
- Experiential learning requirement, which could be satisfied by an independent study, internship, research project, or course with a substantial experiential component, with prior approval from the program coordinator

### Core Courses

At least one from PHL 130 Moral Philosophy, PHL 135 Social and Political Philosophy, PHL 235 Theories of Justice, PPL 300 Global Ethics, REL 307 Religion and Social Justice

### Current elective options

BUS 201, COM 201, CRS 101, CRS 247, CRS 310, ECN 326, ECN 391, ECN 398, ENG 224, ENG 270, ENG 343, EVS 100, EVS 130, EVS 201, EVS 315, GWS 100, GWS 210, GWS 300, HIS 216, HIS 260/261, HIS 275, HIS 333, HIS 336, HIS 337, ILS 301, LAS 201, PHL 137, PHL 231, PHL 232, PHL 236, POL 120, POL 320, POL 322, POL 412, PPL 213, PPL 313, PPL 317, PSY 393, REL 102, REL 104, REL 237, REL 274, SOC 223, SOC 302, SOC 323, SOC 336, SOC 240, SOC 241, SOC 262

Core and elective courses may be taken in any order, although some may have prerequisites. Additional elective courses are available each term—please consult program coordinator for the updated list of Special Topics courses and for advance approval of experiential learning project.

A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.



## Program Website

[washjeff.edu/social-justice](http://washjeff.edu/social-justice)

## Program Co-Coordinators

**Jason S. Kilgore, Ph.D.**  
[jkilgore@washjeff.edu](mailto:jkilgore@washjeff.edu)

**Olga Solovieva, Ph.D.**  
[osolovieva@washjeff.edu](mailto:osolovieva@washjeff.edu)

## Steering Committee

**Mary Ryan, Ph.D.**  
[mryan@washjeff.edu](mailto:mryan@washjeff.edu)

**Kevin Carriere, Ph.D.**  
[kcarriere@washjeff.edu](mailto:kcarriere@washjeff.edu)

**Gregg Osborn, Ph.D.**  
[gosborn@washjeff.edu](mailto:gosborn@washjeff.edu)

## Office of Admission

60 S. Lincoln St.  
Washington, PA 15301

[admission@washjeff.edu](mailto:admission@washjeff.edu)

724-223-6025

# Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

## Areas of Interest

Are you passionate about environmental issues, racial and gender justice, immigration, human rights? Do you want to contribute to the building of sustainable infrastructures and equitable economic systems? The Social Justice Studies program can help prepare you for professional success in these and many other fields as well as for a life-long path of engaged citizenship.

## Careers

- Criminal justice
- Education
- Emergency management
- Government service
- Health professions
- Human services/public health
- Law
- Journalism/communications
- Social advocacy/research
- Ministry/counseling
- Urban planning/policy analyst



**WASHINGTON  
& JEFFERSON  
COLLEGE**