

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN EDUCATION, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Social Justice in Education minor cultivates awareness, engagement, and reflection of critical pedagogies, values, and ethics in relation to educational diversity (in its many forms), equity, and social justice in traditional and non-traditional educational settings. The minor will employ interdisciplinary, experiential, and community-based coursework to examine principles of social justice in education and create a space for students from across the University to engage in out-of-class academic experiences that construct critical and thoughtful understanding of injustice. The minor provides a transformative educational experience that allows students to demonstrate commitment to educational and social equity through leadership and action.

The minor includes three phases: foundational coursework, community/field/experiential-based courses, and a capstone project. Students who complete the minor will develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to promote educational equity through sustained intellectual and practical engagement with evidence-based instructional practices that encourage socially just outcomes. Students will develop the capacity to transform visions into action and to support innovative community-centered solutions to complex social issues. Students will learn to design and implement curriculum centered on issues of social justice in schools, community-based educational programs, and other non-traditional educational settings. Additionally, students will bridge theory and practice through educational experiences that engage students in scholarship, critical service-learning, field experiences, and a culminating capstone project. Students will engage in inquiry that connects experiential learning, interactions in the field and conceptual understanding through guided reflective practices.

What is Social Justice in Education?

The Social Justice in Education Minor is an opportunity for interested students from across the University to develop critical engagement skills through social justice work. The minor facilitates the expansion of equity-orientated understandings of both traditional and non-traditional educational settings. Education is considered beyond the classroom to include policy and community-based sectors of education as well. As a part of this minor, you will learn skills to help interrogate societal inequities and to strategize and implement action-based solutions to these problems as well.

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You'd like to build a foundation of equity into the vision you have for your future career. By helping you to develop a deepened understanding of the various injustices that organize society's current inequitable structures through study and experience, this minor is an opportunity to develop your own unique social justice lens for viewing the world and your contributions to it.