

# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS MINOR

**Banner Code:** SJHR

## Academic Advising

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The minor engages students in both a critical examination of various forms of injustice (such as poverty, racism, and speciesism, and environmental degradation) and an exploration of strategies for creating and sustaining an equitable and just world. This minor is interdisciplinary in nature, drawing on disciplines as distinct as critical race studies, critical animal studies, and environmental science. It is designed particularly to help students consider the intersectional nature of all types of exploitation and their related movements for liberation.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

## Requirements

(formerly SO CJ)

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: minimum 16

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

### Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
INTS 334	Environmental Justice (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	4
INTS 362	Social Justice and Human Rights (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
INTS 437 or INTS 438	Critical Race Studies (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> ) Representations of Race (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select six credits from the following:		6
CONF 394	Human Rights and Inequality	
EDUC 301	Educating Diverse and Exceptional Learners	

GOVT 445	Human Rights
INTS 300	Law and Justice (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
INTS 304	Social Movements and Community Activism (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
INTS 305	Conflict Resolution and Transformation
INTS 310	Violence and Gender
INTS 315	Spirituality and Conflict Transformation (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
INTS 316	Introduction to Childhood Studies (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
INTS 319	Contemporary Youth Studies (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
INTS 336	Poverty, Wealth and Inequality in the US (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
INTS 337	Social Justice Consciousness and Action
INTS 346	Art as Social Action (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
INTS 347	Gender Representation in Popular Culture (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
INTS 405	Women and Leadership
INTS 416	Refugee and Internal Displacement (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
INTS 417	Human Trafficking and Smuggling
INTS 434	Research for Social Change
INTS 435	Leadership in a Changing Environment
INTS 436	Social Justice Education (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
PSYC 427	Community Engagement for Social Change (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
SOCI 307	Social Movements and Political Protest
SOCI 308	Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
SOCI 315	Contemporary Gender Relations (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
SOCI 320	Globalization and Social Change (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
SOCI 355	Social Inequality (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
SOCI 382	Education in Contemporary Society
WMST 200	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )

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WMST 300 Current Issues in Women and Gender  
Studies

WMST 402 Queer Theory

Relevant coursework from AFAM, ANTH, COMM, CONF,  
CRIM, CULT, EVPP, FRLN, GLOA, GOVT, PHIL, PSYC, SOCI,  
WMST, and other coursework with advisor approval

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Total Credits

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