# Social Welfare and Justice

The Social Welfare and Justice major is designed to provide students with the knowledge and experience needed to pursue successful careers in social service, social policy analysis, mediation and intervention, and social justice advocacy. Through course work, service learning, and internships, students gain understanding of the complexities of a range of social welfare and justice issues and learn the analytic and practical skills needed to develop, evaluate, and transform social welfare and justice policies and services. Students gain competency in the roles, ethics, and values of the social work profession and in the core issue of global human needs and social development. Graduates have the knowledge base to work with culturally diverse groups and understand how social justice issues affect particular communities in specific ways.

The major is flexible, allowing students to pursue their specific interests as they develop skills in service, advocacy, and social change that form them as potential leaders in generating positive social justice outcomes. The major also prepares students well for graduate study in social work, law, education, health care, public policy analysis, nonprofit management, social service administration, student affairs and conflict resolution.

Students may be able to apply some SOWJ course credits toward a Master's in Social Work degree.

### Note:

- SOWJ 4986 Advanced Internship in Social Welfare and Justice may be counted toward the SOWJ major but not the SOWJ minor.

## Major in Social Welfare and Justice

The major in social welfare and justice consists of a total of 30 credit hours: six required courses (18 credit hours) and four elective courses (12 credit hours) in SOWJ or from the list of approved elective courses listed below in ANTH, CRLS and SOCI. The major also requires 6 credits of social science from one or more of the following programs: Anthropology, Criminology and Law Studies, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology. Students majoring in SOWJ must also pass a course in statistics as noted below.

### Required Courses:

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### Elective Courses - Choose four courses from the following:

- **Social Welfare and Justice - All SOWJ courses - OR**
  - Anthropology Courses:
    - ANTH 3330 Women and Men in Cross-Cultural Perspective
    - ANTH 4316 Culture Change and Development
    - ANTH 4320 Culture, Law and Violence
  - Criminology and Law Studies Courses:
    - CRLS 2100 Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice
    - CRLS 3100 Corrections: Prisons, Probation and Parole
    - CRLS 3600 Victimization
    - CRLS 3640 Domestic Violence in the United States
    - CRLS 4130 Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice
    - CRLS 4140 Race, Crime and Punishment
    - CRLS 4640 Family Violence and Public Intervention
    - CRLS 4660 Criminal Violence in America
  - Sociology Courses:
    - SOCI 2200 The Family
    - SOCI 2500 Self, Language and Social Interaction
    - SOCI 3200 Social Problems in Urban Society
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SOCI 3500 Culture, Health and Illness
SOCI 3720 Environment and Society
SOCI 3750 Food, Water and Society
SOCI 4050 Urban Ethnography: The City as Laboratory
SOCI 4200 Personal Troubles and Public Issues
SOCI 4250 African-American Social Thought
SOCI 4300 Sociology of Aging
SOCI 4400 Social Inequality
SOCI 4450 Sociology of Sex and Gender
SOCI 4730 Capitalism and Society

Total Credit Hours 30

Additional Course Requirements:

Social Science Requirement: Two courses from one or more of the following programs: ANTH, CRLS, ECON, POSC, PSYC, SOCI 6
Statistics Requirement: SOCI 2060 (or equivalent with consent of Department Chair) Students double majoring in SOWJ and PSYC should take PSYC 2001. 3-4

Total Credit Hours 9-10

* Elective Courses: All courses designated as SOWJ classes, courses listed above under ANTH, CRLS and SOCI, as well as any departmental topics course approved by the department chair.

Notes:

• Students also majoring in psychology may complete PSYC 2050 Research Methods and Designs in Psychology in place of SOCI 3050 Methods of Social Research or CRLS 2050 Methods of Criminological Research.
• SOCI 2060 Social Statistics may be used simultaneously to satisfy the University Core of Common Studies requirement in Mathematical Reasoning.
• Students wishing to complete double majors in SOWJ and ANTH, CRLS or SOCI must complete the requirements for both majors. Two courses that are accepted by both majors (see the list of approved courses within each major's bulletin entry) may double count for both majors, for a total of 54-57 credit hours.

Minor in Social Welfare and Justice

The minor in social welfare and justice consists of six courses (18 credit hours), including three required courses (9 credit hours) and three elective courses (9 credit hours), as listed below.

Required Courses:
SOWJ 1001 Introduction to Social Welfare and Justice 3
SOWJ 3001 Social Welfare Policy and Services 3
SOWJ 3300 Practice Skills with Individuals, Families and Groups 3

Elective Courses: Choose three courses from SOWJ or from those listed below: 9

Anthropology Courses:
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ANTH 4316 Culture Change and Development
ANTH 4320 Culture, Law and Violence

Criminology and Law Studies Courses:
CRLS 2100 Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice
CRLS 3100 Corrections: Prisons, Probation and Parole
CRLS 3600 Victimology
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**Notes:**

- Elective courses may be chosen from among all courses designated as SOWJ, plus any course from the above list of Anthropology (ANTH), Criminology and Law Studies (CRLS) and Sociology (SOCI) courses.
- Any departmental topics course may be used as an elective with the prior approval of the department chair.