

SOCIAL JUSTICE (SJUS)

SJUS 3000 Introduction to Social Justice 3 Credits

This course will introduce the student to the concept of social justice and social change. Examines various social justice theories such as restorative and distributive justice, postmodernism, feminism, and others. Theorists include Rawls, Mills, Kant, and others. A review of institutional systems and how social change occurs within the institutional framework.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1101 or POLS 1101 or CRJU 1100.

SJUS 3050 Politics of Social Justice 3 Credits

This course examines selected contemporary issues of social justice at the national, state, and local level of politics in the United States. This course analyzes various social justice issues through an economic, demographic, institutional, and political lens. Course topics include a critical analysis of governance, criminal law, economic development, immigration, poverty and race, drugs, and social equity.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1101 or POLS 1101 or CRJU 1100.

SJUS 4000 Social Justice Culture 3 Credits

This course examines the relationship between music, art, movies & television, and social justice in the United States. These mediums bring people together, challenge the status quo, and shine a light on what is happening in various communities. This course will explore a range of music, art, movies, and television that reflect and influence social justice issues.

Prerequisite(s): SJUS 3000.

SJUS 4050 Law and Social Justice 3 Credits

This course analyzes the relationship between legal institutions, inequality, and the ability of social groups to produce fundamental social change.

Prerequisite(s): SJUS 3000.

SJUS 4800 Social Justice Policy Analysis 3 Credits

This course provides students with the tools to analyze policy implementation and effectiveness in the criminal justice system. Policies are evaluated in the areas of policing, corrections, courts, and criminal justice. Research methods and case study analysis will be used to evaluate and inform the creation of crime-related policies.

Prerequisite(s): SJUS 3000.