
Justice Studies

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Department of Justice Studies

Mission Statement

Justice studies is committed to offering an cross disciplinary, intellectually challenging and vocationally relevant course of study for persons interested in academic or applied careers in justice studies at the community, national or global level.

Goals

To carry out this mission, justice studies seeks to:

- Help students develop a comprehensive understanding of justice studies.
- Examine and explain justice and injustice and their impact on individuals, communities, institutions and/or nations.
- Understand human behavior and interactive systems with a focus on negotiation and conflict resolution in justice contexts.
- Sharpen students' ability to think and reason critically, to practice sound methodological skills and to communicate effectively.
- Prepare students to utilize and produce scholarship in the field of justice studies.

Career Opportunities

The justice studies major includes opportunities for field work and career-related internships as part of the curriculum.

- Peace Corps
- Non-government organizations
- Law enforcement
- Corrections
- Law
- Nonprofit groups (national and international)
- Human services
- Domestic and international security
- Intelligence analysis
- Diplomatic Corps
- Research and graduate study

Transfer Credit

A maximum of three courses may be transferred into the justice studies major from other institutions. No transfer credit will be given for any course offered in the major at the 300 or 400 level.

Degree and Major Requirements

Bachelor of Arts in Justice Studies

Degree Requirements

Required Courses

	Credit Hours
General Education	41
Philosophy course ¹	3
Foreign language courses (intermediate level required)	1-14
Major requirements (core courses and selected tracks)	41
Electives	18-38
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1 Any [PHIL](#) course except [PHIL 120](#) or [PHIL 150](#). Consult the list of courses satisfying Bachelor of Arts degree requirements on the [Registrar's website](#).

Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies

Degree Requirements

Required Courses

	Credit Hours
General Education courses	41
Quantitative requirement (in addition to General Education)	3
Scientific literacy requirement (in addition to General Education)	3-4
Major requirements (core courses and selected track)	41
Electives	28-35
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Justice Studies Major Requirements

Core Courses

	Credit Hours
JUST 100 . Justice Studies Proseminar	1
JUST 200 . Introduction to Justice Studies	3
Choose one of the following:	3
JUST 300 . Perspectives on Comparative Justice Systems	
JUST 323 . Comparative Criminal Justice	
JUST 328 . Race, Class and Justice	
JUST 399 . Justice Research Methods	4
JUST 400 . Senior Seminar in Justice Studies	3
Choose one of the following (which is not required for your track):	3
JUST 210 . Introduction to Crime and Criminal Justice	
JUST 212 . Theories of Crime and Criminal Justice	
JUST 221 . Social Justice Theories	
JUST 223 . Social Justice Interventions and Policies	
JUST 235 . Justice in the Global Community	

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Students must select one of the following tracks:

- [Track A](#). Crime and Criminology
- [Track B](#). Global Justice and Policy
- [Track C](#). Social Justice

Track A. Crime and Criminology

This track focuses on the nature, causes and solutions for crime, primarily but not exclusively in the United States.

All students in Track A must take [JUST 210](#), Crime and Criminal Justice, and [JUST 212](#), Theories of Crime and Criminal Justice.

Students select six additional courses from the following. At least four of the six electives must have a JUST identifier.

Courses

Select six additional courses from the following:

JUST 301 . Special Topics in Justice Studies (when topic is appropriate) ¹	
JUST/PSYC 314 . Police Psychology	
JUST 315 . Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System	
JUST/PSYC 316 . Developmental Psychology and Crime	
JUST 317 . Victimization of Children	
JUST 318 . Sex Offenders	
JUST 319 . Psychopathology and Crime	
JUST 320 . Organized Crime	
JUST 322 . Understanding Violence	
JUST 324 . Death Penalty	
JUST/SOCI 326 . Victimology	
JUST 327 . Criminal Law	
JUST 329 . Perspectives on Law	
JUST/SOCI/SOWK 330 . Corrections	

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[JUST 334](#). Media and Justice
[JUST 341](#). Gender and Justice
[JUST 343](#). Justice and Society
[JUST 344](#). Marginalized Populations
[JUST 345](#). Restorative Justice
[JUST 347](#). Drugs, Politics and Society
[JUST 357](#). Environmental Justice
[JUST 361](#). Terrorism
[JUST 365](#). Justice in Literature, Film and Art¹
[JUST 401](#). Internship in Justice Studies¹
[JUST 402](#). Advanced Research in Justice Studies¹
[JUST 403](#). Nelson Institute Seminar¹
[JUST 404](#). Community Based Research¹
[PSYC 415](#). Forensic Psychology²
 Note: Other courses may be substituted with adviser's and department chair's consent.

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1 These courses may be taken for elective credit in [Track A](#) when the topic is appropriate. Students should seek approval from their advisers or the academic unit head.

2 Course is only open to students who are double majoring in Psychology.

Track B. Global Justice and Policy

This track explores issues of justice in global context. Most prominent among them are questions of security, equity and equality. Courses in this track address the individual, group and state dimensions of these and related issues in a diverse set of policy areas including democratization, cultural identity, developmental, environmental protection, conflict resolution and human rights.

All students in Track B must take [POSC 230](#), International Relations and [JUST 235](#), Justice in the Global Community.

Students select six additional courses from the following. At least four must have a JUST identifier.

Courses

Select six additional courses from the following:

[JUST 301](#). Special Topics in Justice Studies²
[JUST 320](#). Organized Crime
[JUST 322](#). Understanding Violence
[JUST 324](#). Death Penalty
[JUST/POSC 331](#). Human Rights
[JUST 333](#). Negotiations
[JUST 334](#). Media and Justice²
[JUST 341](#). Gender and Justice
[JUST 345](#). Restorative Justice
[JUST 346](#). Intervention, Reconciliation and Justice in World Affairs
[JUST 350](#). Globalization and Justice

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[JUST 351](#). Building Democracy
[JUST 353](#). Justice and Development
[JUST 354](#). Societal Conflicts
[JUST 357](#). Environmental Justice
[JUST 361](#). Terrorism
[JUST 365](#). Justice in Literature, Film and Art²
[JUST/POSC 372](#). Ethics and International Politics
[JUST 373](#). Rebuilding Post Conflict Societies
[JUST 374](#). War and Justice
[JUST 375](#). Genocide in the 20th Century
[JUST 377](#). Global Futures
[JUST/POSC 392](#). Peace Studies
[JUST 401](#). Internship in Justice Studies²
[JUST 402](#). Advanced Research in Justice Studies²
[JUST 403](#). Nelson Institute Seminar²
[JUST 404](#). Community Based Research²
[MSCI 390](#). The Combat Experience
[PHIL 335](#). The Individual, the State and Justice
[POSC 395](#). International Law
[POSC 396](#). International Organizations
[SCOM 332](#). Mediation
[SCOM 342](#). Argument and Advocacy
[SOC 342](#). Muslim Movements in the Middle East
[SOC/SOWK 348](#). Introduction to Developing Societies
[SOC 360](#). Social Movements

Any 300-level anthropology course that is centered on a world region (other than North America)¹

Any 300-level history course that is centered on a world region (other than North America) and that includes coverage of the 20th century¹

Any 300-level political science course that is regionally focused¹

Any 300-level religion course with a contemporary and international focus

Note: Other courses may be substituted with adviser's and department chair's consent.

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1 Only one course from this option may be counted towards the major; approval for course selection from Justice Studies and the academic unit offering the course is also required.

2 These courses may be taken for elective credit in [Track B](#) when the topic is appropriate. Students should seek approval from their adviser or the department head.

Track C. Social Justice

This track is designed to investigate what is fair, equitable and just for society. Emphasizing the oppression and liberation of vulnerable, exploited and marginalized populations, this curriculum promotes sustainable and just solutions to social, political and economic problems.

Students in Track C must take [JUST 221](#), Social Justice Theories, and [JUST 223](#), Social Justice Interventions and Policies.

Students select six additional courses from the following. At least four of the six electives must have a JUST identifier.

Courses

Choose from the following:

[ANTH 340](#). The Invention of Race

[HIST/SOCI 338](#). U.S. Urban Social History

[JUST 301](#). Special Topics in Justice Studies¹

[JUST 315](#). Mental Illness and Criminal Justice

[JUST 322](#). Understanding Violence

[JUST 324](#). Death Penalty

[JUST 334](#). Media and Justice¹

[JUST 341](#). Gender and Justice

[JUST 343](#). Justice and Society

[JUST 344](#). Marginalized Populations

[JUST 357](#). Environmental Justice

[JUST 361](#). Terrorism

[JUST 365](#). Justice in Literature, Film and Art¹

[JUST 375](#). Genocide in the 20th Century

[JUST/POSC 392](#). Peace Studies

[JUST 401](#). Internship in Justice Studies¹

[JUST 402](#). Advanced Research in Justice Studies¹

[JUST 403](#). Nelson Institute Seminar¹

[JUST 404](#). Community Based Research¹

[MSCI 390](#). The Combat Experience

[POSC 326](#). Civil Rights

[POSC 348](#). Politics of Cultural Pluralism

[POSC 383](#). Women and Politics

[PSYC 310](#). Psychology of Women and Gender²

[PSYC 320](#). Diversity Issues in Psychology

[REL/SOCI 322](#). Sociology of Religion

[REL 450](#). Religion and Society

[SOCI 336](#). Race and Ethnicity

[SOCI 354](#). Social and Cultural Stratification

[SOCI 367](#). Sociology of Sexuality

Note: Other courses may be substituted with adviser's and department chair's consent.

Credit Hours

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1 These courses may be taken for elective credit in [Track C](#) when the topic is appropriate. Students should seek approval from their advisers or the department head.

2 Course is only open to students who are double majoring in Psychology.

Recommended Schedule for Majors

First Year

Credit Hours

JUST 200 . Introduction to Justice Studies	3
MATH 220 . Elementary Statistics (prerequisite for JUST 399) ¹	3
Track core course	3
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Second Year	Credit Hours
Track foundation course	3
Outside track foundation course	3
Track electives	6
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Third Year	Credit Hours
JUST 100 . Justice Studies Proseminar	1
JUST 300 . Perspectives on Comparative Justice	3
JUST 399 . Research Methods	4
Track electives	9
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Fourth Year	Credit Hours
JUST 400 . Senior Seminar in Justice Studies	3
Track electives	3
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1 Can be counted for General Education, Cluster Three.