

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Administrative support for interdisciplinary studies and experimental courses is currently being provided through the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences. These offerings provide students and faculty with the opportunity to explore and develop subject areas and methods of inquiry otherwise not available within traditional disciplines of the University.

Because of their fluid nature, these programs often undergo revision, and students interested in them are encouraged to contact the program directors, or the academic departments in which the program is offered, for up-to-date information on program requirements, options, and courses.

## Interdisciplinary Majors

### ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Rebecca L. Evans, biological sciences, *director*

The Environmental Science Program at Northern Kentucky University is an interdisciplinary program that provides those interested in environmental careers with a strong background in Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, and Physics. This multi-disciplinary background is combined with upper-division requirements that integrate the disciplines and emphasize the scientific study of environmental issues from a research and career oriented perspective. The inclusion of research or internships/externships enables students to gain expertise and experience to monitor, analyze, and contribute to the solution of current environmental problems. These opportunities are provided by faculty from the Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Geology departments, the Center for Integrative Natural Science and Mathematics (CINSAM), the Environmental Resource Management Center (ERMC), industry and government agencies. Students graduating with a B.S. in Environmental Science are well equipped to join the ranks of other environmental professionals working with local, state and federal agencies, consulting firms, or non-profit organizations. They are also qualified to become part of a research team or pursue graduate study of environmental sciences.

#### Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

##### Required Courses

BIO 150-150L-150R	Introduction to Biology I	5
BIO 151-151L-151R	Introduction to Biology II	5
BIO 304	General Ecology	3
BIO 306	Ecology Laboratory	2
CHE 120-120L	General Chemistry I	4
CHE 121-121L	General Chemistry II	4
CHE 310-310L	Organic Chemistry I	4
CHE 311	Organic Chemistry II	3
CHE 440	Environmental Chemistry	3
ENV 110	Environmental Science and Issues	3
ENV 240	Information Resources in Env. Sci.	2
ENV 340	Principles of Environmental Research	2
ENV 400	Environmental Science Seminar	1
GLY 120	This Dangerous Earth	3
GLY 340	Intro. to Environmental Geoscience	3
GLY 450	Hydrogeology with Laboratory	4
MAT 120	Calculus I	5
MAT 314	Design and Analysis of Experiments I	3

PHY 211	General Physics with Laboratory I	5
PHY 213	General Physics with Laboratory II	5

One three hour Internship/Externship OR Directed Resource Course from following list.

BIO 492	Directed Research
BIO 496	Internship/Externship
CHE 492	Directed Research
ENV 396	Internship/Externship
ENV 492	Directed Research
GLY 392	Directed Research
GLY 492	Directed Research
GLY 496	Internship/Externship

#### Electives

Students are encouraged to choose additional electives from the following courses.

ANT 345	Environmental Anthropology
BIO 302-302L	General Microbiology with lab
BIO 410	Conservation Biology
BIO 422-422L	Limnology
BIO 474	Microbial Ecology
ENG 347	Technical Writing
ENV 350	Environmental Toxicology
ENV 380	Field and Laboratory Methods in Environmental Science
ENV 494	Topics: Environmental Science
GEO 108	Physical Geography
GEO 306	Environmental Resource Management
GEO 318	Geographic Information Systems
GLY 315	Structural Geology
GLY 330	Geomorphology
PSC 403	Public Policy

Note: Due to the integrative nature of this program and the number of courses taken in several areas (BIO, CHE, GLY), majors in Environmental Science will not be required to complete the requirements for an Area of Concentration or Minor.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Barry Andersen, *associate dean, college of arts and sciences*

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The Liberal Studies major in the College of Arts and Sciences provides the opportunity for students to pursue a broad-based education in the liberal arts and sciences. The major is designed for students who neither need nor desire the depth of study required in a focused, single discipline major.

#### The Liberal Studies major serves:

- "students who prefer a broader and more flexible approach to their college education than is offered by traditional majors.
- "students whose primary educational goals are their own overall intellectual and personal growth and enrichment.
- "adult learners who have interrupted their studies for a prolonged period and return with a different academic focus and career goal.
- transfer students whose prior work does not mesh well with existing programs of study at NKU.
- part-time students whose work schedules and other responsibilities preclude them from completing more structured majors.

- "students abandoning highly structured majors late in their undergraduate career.
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- "students abandoning highly structured majors late in their undergraduate career.

#### Curriculum:

- Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies must complete all NKU graduation requirements including:
- "general education requirements-to be completed within first 60 hours of college level work.
- "45 upper division hours
- "an area of concentration or a minor beyond the major

#### Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

- Two areas of concentration or minor programs taken from disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences. Each area of concentration or minor must be entirely within a single discipline.
- An additional area of concentration or minor taken from a discipline within the College of Arts and Sciences or in one of these related disciplines housed outside the college, such as, economics (ECO), journalism (JOU), and speech communications (SPE).

No course can be counted in more than one area of concentration or minor. With the approval of the Director of Liberal Studies programs, other established areas of concentration or minors may be substituted.

#### ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Janis Cassiere, *assistant dean, college of arts and sciences*

The Associate Degree in Liberal Studies is designed to meet the needs of students who are looking for academic accreditation of their employment skills; students who want to study a specific area; and students who have a limited time to complete their college courses. Students can complete a four-year degree in two-year segments, using the Liberal Studies Degree option for the first two years.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

A student who wishes to declare a major for the Associate Degree in Liberal Studies offered by the College of Arts and Sciences is eligible if he/she has an undeclared status or has accrued less than 64 quality hours in a declared major program, is currently enrolled as an NKU student, and is in the process of fulfilling degree requirements.

#### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A student working toward the Associate Degree in Liberal Studies must fulfill the following requirements:

a minimum total of 64 semester hours, the last 20 of which must be taken at Northern.

#### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 15 semester hours from one of the following areas of study with a minimum of 3 semester hours from two different disciplines within the chosen area of study. *No course taken to satisfy general education can be used to satisfy this requirement.*

#### Areas of study and their respective disciplines:

Natural Science: Astronomy, Biological Sciences, Integrated Science, Chemistry (except CHE 110), Physics, Geology

Fine Arts: Art, Music, Theatre

Humanities: Afro-American Studies, Foreign Language, History, English, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Women's Studies

Behavioral and Social Sciences: Anthropology, Geography,

Psychology, Sociology, Speech, Political Science  
Mathematics and Computer Science: Mathematics, Computer Science

A grade point-average (GPA) of at least 2.00 is required on all work attempted at NKU, and at least 2.00 on all college work attempted (excluding developmental coursework).

This degree cannot be counted as a minor or area of concentration.

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Linda L. Dolive, political science, *coordinator*

Both a major and a minor are offered in international studies. A student in either is required to take a modern foreign language through the intermediate level.

A major in international studies, in addition to the above requirement, consists of 36 semester hours, including 15 semester hours of required courses and 21 semester hours of electives. The electives can be taken in five different patterns depending on the preference and career plans of the student. For students intending to pursue business careers, the University offers a business option. Students interested in a general background may select the social sciences options. Students with an interest in a specific region of the world may choose among the Asian, European, and Latin American options; they should fulfill their modern language requirement by taking a corresponding language. Program would be of interest to students planning a career in the public sector/foreign service; in an international agency, or to students pursuing graduate work in international studies. All students are encouraged to consider study abroad.

Students who desire a more flexible curriculum can work out 21 semester hours of electives with the coordinator of international studies.

A minor in international studies consists of 21 semester hours, including the same 15 semester hours required of the major and 6 semester hours of elective courses chosen in consultation with the coordinator of international studies.

#### Required Courses (Major and Minor)

ANT 100 Cultural Anthropology  
ECO 200 Principles of Macroeconomics  
GEO 101 World Regional Geography  
(or GEO 102 Geography of the World's "Developed" Regions  
or GEO 103 Geography of the Third World)  
PSC 102 Comparative Politics (or PSC 103 International Politics)  
PSC 470 The Post Cold War

#### Elective Options (Course prerequisites, if any, must be met)

##### Asian Option

ART 104 Survey of Asian Art  
GEO 410 Geography of Asia  
HIS 330 History of China  
HIS 331 History of Japan  
PHI 250 Eastern Philosophy  
PSC 362 Politics of Southeast Asia

##### Business Option

ACC 200 Principles of Accounting I - Financial  
ACC 201 Principles of Accounting II - Managerial  
ECO 201 Principles of Microeconomics  
ECO 344 Comparative Economic Systems  
ECO 340 International Economics  
FIN 415 International Finance  
FRE 250 Business French  
GEO 303 Economic Geography  
GER 250 Business German  
MGT 360 Comparative International Management  
OST 310 Inter-cultural Business Communications  
PSC 410 Political Economy  
SPI 250 Business Spanish

*European Studies Option*

FRE 310 French Culture and Society Today  
 FRE 311 French Cultural History  
 GEO 402 Geography of Europe  
 GER 310 Contemporary German Life  
 GER 311 German Cultural History  
 HIS 308 Modern Europe 1870-1920  
 HIS 309 Modern Europe since 1920  
 HIS 355 English History, 1760 to present  
 HIS 363 History of Germany since 1870  
 HIS 377 Modern Russia since 1855  
 HIS 413 History of Nazi Germany  
 PSC 330 Politics of Europe  
 SPI 310 Spanish Culture and Civilization

*Latin American Option*

ANT/SOC 245 Peoples of Latin America  
 ANT 360 Indians of Mexico and Guatemala  
 GEO 406 Geography of Latin America  
 HIS 325 Early Latin American History  
 HIS 326 Modern Latin American History  
 HIS 436 Race Relations in the Americas, c.1800 to Present  
 HIS 495 Nature and Development in Latin America  
 PSC 335 Latin American Politics  
 PSC 355 Comparative Revolutionary Politics

*Social Science Option*

ANT 210 World Cultures  
 ANT 240 Peoples of Africa  
 ANT 320 Religion and Culture  
 ANT 358 Anthropology and the Arts  
 GEO 302 Cultural Geography  
 GEO 310 Geography of Populations  
 GEO 403 Geography of Africa  
 HIS 321 Modernization in the Non-Western World  
 HIS 336 History of Modern Africa  
 HIS 423 Diplomacy and Foreign Policy of the United States  
 HIS 565 The Vietnam War  
 PHI 160 World Religions  
 PSC 338 U.S. Foreign Policy and the Developing World  
 PSC 366 Government and Politics in Africa  
 PSC 382 Canadian Politics and Policies  
 PSC 415 United States Foreign Policy  
 PSC 480 International Law  
 PSC 481 International Organizations  
 PSC 485 Comparative Foreign Policy

NOTE: Other courses carrying international studies credit will be listed in *Schedule of Classes* each semester and may be used as substitute electives on approval by the coordinator of international studies. In some of the above options, students should consider a summer term abroad.

## Interdisciplinary Minors

### AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES

Michael Washington, history, *director*

Offered by the Department of History and Geography, the minor in Afro-American studies is a student-centered, community service project designed to provide students with an interdisciplinary perspective of the life of African Americans, Africans and African people throughout the diaspora and their contributions to humanity. Specifically, the program is designed to acquaint students with

1. the historical experience of Africans and African Americans from pre-colonial Africa to contemporary times;

2. contributions of Africans and African Americans to the humanities;
3. the study of the African American experience from a behavioral and/or social science perspective as well as contributions of Black people to these areas of study;
4. the influence of the African American experience in the fields of communications and/or social work.

To complete the minor, students must earn 24 semester hours of designated Afro-American studies courses with no more than 3 semester hours of directed readings or independent study. There are 12 semester hours required; of the remaining 12 semester hours, at least one course must be taken from each of the three required areas. At least a C must be achieved to earn credit for a course. Specific requirements for this minor are the following.

**Required Courses**

AFR 100 \*Introduction to Afro-American Studies  
 HIS 106 \*History of African American to 1877  
 HIS 107 \*History of African Americans since 1877  
 HIS 431 \*Historical Themes in African American History

**Required Areas****History Option**

HIS 310 Colonial American to 1763  
 HIS 313 Expansion and Conflict, 1828-1861  
 HIS 316 Modern United States History since 1939  
 HIS 317 History of the New South  
 HIS 318 Current Events in a Historical Perspective (*when applicable*)  
 HIS 325 Early Latin American History  
 HIS 335 History of Ancient Africa  
 HIS 336 History of Sub-Saharan Africa since 1870  
 HIS 380 History and Film (*when applicable*)  
 HIS 417 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1877  
 HIS 426 Historical Geography of the United States  
 HIS 427 Urban History of the United States  
 HIS 435 History of Race Relations in the Americas, 1492-c.1800  
 HIS 436 History of Race Relations in the Americas, c.1800 to Present  
 HIS 438 African-American Women's History and Culture  
 HIS 444 History of Women in the United States to 1900  
 HIS 445 History of Women in the United States since 1900  
 HIS 496 Internships: Public History (*when applicable*)  
 HIS 499 Seminars (*when applicable*)  
 HIS 533 Expansion and Conflict  
 HIS 535 Civil War and Reconstruction  
 HIS 539 Modern United States History since 1939  
 HIS 546 History of the American Family  
 HIS 552 History of the Old South  
 HIS 553 History of the New South  
 HIS 556 African Americans in U.S. Culture, Education, and Politics  
 HIS 561 Modernization in the Non-Western World  
 HIS 594 Topics: History (*when applicable*)

**Behavioral and Social Sciences/Social Work Option**

ANT 240 \*Peoples of Africa  
 ANT 301 World Patterns of Race and Ethnicity  
 ANT 330 Women, Gender, and Culture, a Global Perspective  
 GEO 103 Geography of the Third World  
 GEO 309 Historical Geography of the United States  
 GEO 310 Geography of Population  
 GEO 403 Geography of Africa  
 GEO 492 Directed Research: Geography (*where applicable*)  
 GEO 594 Topics or Seminar: Geography (*where applicable*)  
 HNR 303 Honors Seminar: Humanity and the Imagination  
 HNR 306 Studies in Diversity  
 HSR 500 Multicultural Family Work: Principles and Practices  
 JUS 231 \*Race, Gender, and The Mass Media  
 JUS 318 The African American, The Law and The Courts

JUS 321 Black Women, Crime and Politics  
 PSC 215 Race, Gender, and Politics  
 PSC 338 U.S. Foreign Policy in the Developing World  
 RTV 105 \*Race, Gender, and The Mass Media  
 SOC 210 \*Analysis of Racism and Sexism in the United States  
 SOC 300 Race and Ethnic Relations  
 SOC 301 World Patterns of Race and Ethnicity  
 SWK 307 The Human Experience II: Literary Perspectives  
 SWK 308 Social Work Research (*when offered as Afrocentric Paradigm*)

### Humanities and Creative Productions/Communication Options

ENG 210 \*Survey of African American Literature  
 ENG 211 \*Survey of Women's Literature I  
 ENG 212 \*Survey of Women's Literature II  
 ENG 300 \*American Women Poets  
 ENG 305 \*American Women Writers  
 ENG 354 Southern Women Writers  
 ENG 394 \*Topics: African American Literature  
 MUS 107 \*Survey of African American Music  
 MUS 110 \*Appreciation of Jazz  
 MUS 254 Women in Music in Europe and America II: The 20th Century  
 PHI 394 Topics: Philosophy (where applicable)  
 REL 325 \*African American Religious Experience in America  
 REL 394 Topics Religious Studies (*when offered as The Ethics and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr., and Malcolm X*)  
 SPE 350 Rhetoric of Minority Groups  
 SPE 355 Cross-Cultural Communication  
 TAR 102 \* Survey of Race and Gender in Dramatic Literature  
 TAR 452 Special Problems in Theatre (literature) (*when applicable*)

\*these courses satisfy the general education requirements in the areas of History, Literature, Fine Arts, Social Sciences, Non-Western, or Race/Gender

All internships, independent study and directed reading courses must relate to the area of Afro-American studies and may be applied to the minor upon prior approval of the director.

Introduction to Afro-American Studies (AFR 100) fulfills the general education requirement in non-Western perspective or the general education requirements in either social sciences or race/gender.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Miriam S. Kannan, biological sciences, *director*

Offered by the Department of Biological Sciences, the minor in environmental studies is designed to provide students with a coherent academic program that is sensitive and responsive to current and projected environmental problems facing the human community on a variety of levels. As a minor program it is intended to broaden and strengthen a number of major programs by providing a useful focus on a wide range of environmental issues.

The minor in environmental studies consists of 22 semester hours including 10 semester hours of required courses and 12 semester hours of elective courses. The required courses, to be taken in sequence if possible, are: Human Ecology (BIO 123); Ecological Anthropology (ANT 317); or Environment, Technology, and Human Values (PHI 230); Public Policy (PSC 403); and a senior-level seminar. Elective courses may be chosen from the following:

ANT 345 Environmental Anthropology  
 BIO 304 General Ecology  
 BIO 306 Ecology Laboratory  
 CHE 100-100L Chemistry and Society  
 GEO 302 Cultural Geography  
 GEO 303 Economic Geography

GEO 306 Environmental Resource Management  
 GEO 308 Climatology  
 GLY 115 The Changing Earth with Lab  
 HIS 314 Rise of Industrial United States, 1865-1900  
 IET 260 Industrial Environmental Control  
 IET 323 Land Planning and Development  
 IET 423 Planning and Design of Industrial Facilities  
 PHI 230 Environment, Technology, and Human Values  
 SOC 340 Population  
 SOC 355 Sociology and the Environment

## HEALTH CARE

James F. Hopgood, anthropology, *director*

The minor in health care consists of 23 semester hours, including 11 semester hours of core courses, 6 semester hours from the sociology or psychology option, and 6 semester hours of elective courses.

### Core Courses

BIO 208 Human Anatomy and Physiology I  
 BIO 208L Human anatomy and Physiology I: Laboratory  
 BIO 209 Human Anatomy and Physiology II  
 BIO 209L Human Anatomy and Physiology II: Laboratory  
 PHI 220 Health Care Ethics

### Psychology Option

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology  
 PSY 220 Lifespan Development

### Sociology Option

SOC 100 Introductory Sociology  
 SOC 213 Sociology of Aging

Students taking the psychology option may choose electives from psychology, human services/mental health, or philosophy; students taking the sociology option may choose from sociology, human services/mental health, or philosophy; those taking EDU 300 Human Growth and Development instead of PSY 220 may choose electives from human services/mental health or philosophy.

### Electives

Human Services/Mental Health (3 semester hours each)  
 HSR 300 Contemporary Issues in Mental Health  
 HSR 314 Death, Dying and Grief  
 HSR 340 Alcoholism: Issues and Intervention  
 Philosophy (3 semester hours each)  
 PHI 303 Philosophy and Psychotherapy  
 PHI 311 Philosophy of Women  
 PHI 370 Ethics and the Nursing Profession

Psychology (3 semester hours each)  
 PSY 320 Psychology of Adult Development  
 PSY 333 Abnormal Psychology  
 PSY 340 Social Psychology  
 PSY 405 Counseling Psychology

Sociology (3 semester hours each)  
 SOC 303 Social Psychology  
 SOC 315 Marriage and the Family  
 SOC 450 Medical Sociology

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MINOR

Linda L. Dolive, political science, *coordinator*

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A minor in international studies consists of 21 semester hours, including the same 15 semester hours required of the major and 6 semester hours of elective courses chosen in consultation with the coordinator of international studies. See International Studies Major for requirements.

## JAPANESE STUDIES

Linda L. Dolive, political science, *coordinator*

The minor in Japanese studies offers students the opportunity for a detailed examination of various aspects of the Japanese people and their activities. The program, selected from several disciplines, provides a broad appreciation of a nation and culture of great and growing significance in world affairs. To complete the minor, students must earn a total of 26 semester hours selected from the following.

ANT 362 Japanese Culture and Society  
 ART 359 Arts and Crafts of Japan  
 ENG 294 Topics in non-Western Literature (Japanese Option)  
 HIS 331 History of Japan  
 JPN 101 Elementary Japanese I  
 JPN 102 Elementary Japanese II  
 JPN 201 Intermediate Japanese I  
 JPN 202 Intermediate Japanese II  
 PHI 310 The Japanese Mind

## LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES

Adalberto J. Pinelo, political science, *coordinator*

Through the political science program, NKU offers an undergraduate minor in Latin American Studies. This minor enables students to develop an integrated understanding of the history, culture, and politics of Latin America. Students entering the program can pursue any major and at graduation will receive a certificate attesting to successful completion of the program.

The requirement for this minor is 21 semester hours, including one Latin American course each from political science, history, geography, and anthropology, plus 9 additional semester hours of elective courses dealing with Latin America or with the Spanish language.

All students pursuing this minor should acquire some competence in Spanish. Questions regarding the minor can be addressed to the coordinator.

The following courses may be applied toward the minor in Latin American studies.

Anthropology  
 ANT 245 Peoples of Latin America  
 ANT 352 Archaeology of Mexico and Guatemala  
 ANT 360 Indians of Mexico and Guatemala  
 Geography  
 GEO 406 Geography of Latin America  
 History  
 HIS 325 Early Latin American History  
 HIS 326 Recent Latin American History  
 Political Science  
 PSC 335 Latin American Politics  
 PSC 355 Comparative Revolutionary Politics  
 Sociology  
 SOC 245 Latin American Studies  
 Spanish  
 SPI 101 Elementary Spanish I  
 SPI 102 Elementary Spanish II  
 SPI 201 Intermediate Spanish I  
 SPI 202 Intermediate Spanish II  
 SPI 250 Business Spanish  
 SPI 311 Spanish-American Culture and Civilization  
 SPI 321 Survey of Spanish-American Literature  
 SPI 499 Independent Study of Spanish

## LEGAL STUDIES

J. Michael Thomson, political science, *director*

Offered by the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, the minor in legal studies provides a coherent grouping of courses in the foundations and applications of the law. Specifically, the program is designed to acquaint students with:

1. different approaches to the study of law, including philosophical, sociological, political, and historical;
2. the elements of legal reasoning;
3. a body of case law in substantive areas;
4. the functions and effects of law in American society.

Students majoring in subjects such as business administration, economics, political science, public administration, and sociology may take legal studies as a supplement to their major field. Other students who major in non-law-related fields and who apply to law school might want some exposure to legal courses before pursuing their professional education. Note, however, that the minor in legal studies is neither a prerequisite nor a stepping-stone for admission to law school.

The legal studies minor is divided into four course-categories. Students are required to take the stipulated number of hours in each category to fulfill 21 semester hours. Twelve of the 21 semester hours must be taken at the 300-level and above.

### Introduction

PSC 304 Introduction to the Law

### Theory and Methods (9 semester hours required)

HIS 598 Anglo-American Legal History  
 PHI 330 Philosophy and Law  
 PSC 305 The Judicial Process  
 SOC 490 Sociology of Law

### Law and Society (3-6 semester hours required)

JOU 385 Law of Mass Communications  
 PSC 307 Constitutional Law  
 PSC 308 Civil Liberties  
 PSC 480 International Law and Organizations  
 SOC 202 Juvenile Delinquency  
 SOC 203 Sociology of Corrections  
 SOC 305 Criminology  
 SOC 380 Elite Deviance

### Applications (3-6 semester hours required)

AVA 210 Aviation Laws and Regulations  
 BUS 230 Business Law  
 ENG 345 Legal Writing  
 LAS 302 Contract Administration and Dispute Settlement  
 LAS 303 Labor Law  
 LAS 320 Problems in Labor Law  
 LEN 202 Criminal Law  
 LEN 204 Criminal Investigation  
 RES 200 Real Estate Law

## MEDIEVAL STUDIES

Paul F. Reichardt, English, *coordinator*

The minor in medieval studies is historical in perspective with emphasis on cultures and civilizations of western Europe from the fifth to the fifteenth centuries. The minor is interdisciplinary in scope, with courses from art, English, history, language, music, philosophy, and political science included in its curriculum. The medieval studies minor introduces students to methods, materials, and texts reflecting the human

dimension of medieval cultures and the living heritage of medieval cultures in modern civilization.

The minor in medieval studies requires completion of 24 semester hours in designated courses. MDS 201 and MDS 401 are required, and the remaining 18 semester hours must be selected from three disciplines and must include at least one semester of the study of Latin.

#### **Required Courses**

MDS 201 Introduction to Medieval Studies  
MDS 401 Medieval Studies Seminar

#### **Elective Courses**

ART 101 Survey of Western Art I  
ART 102 Survey of Western Art II  
ART 351 Medieval Art  
ENG 401 Chaucer  
ENG 402 Middle English Literature  
ENG 403 Old English  
ENG 590 Studies in Literature (if medieval topic)  
HIS 303 Europe in the Middle Ages  
HIS 353 English History to 1485  
HIS 442 History through Biography (if medieval topic)  
HIS 499 Directed Readings: European History (if medieval topic)  
LAT 101 Elementary Latin I  
LAT 102 Elementary Latin II  
LAT 201 Intermediate Latin I  
LAT 202 Intermediate Latin II  
LAT 290 Topics in Latin Language and Literature  
MUS 230 History of Music I  
PHI 180 History of Classical and Medieval Philosophy  
PSC 370 Early Political Theory

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES**

Willie Elliott, social work and human services, *coordinator*

Social Justice is an interdisciplinary area of study that focuses on issues of equity and fairness in the distribution of power, privilege, and resources in human societies. Issues in social justice can include any of the differences that have been used to divide members of society and distribute the basic elements of human existence on an unequal basis. Issues may include, but are not limited to, race, sex, class, ethnicity, gender identity, and age. Courses not only explore violations of social justice, but also examine reactions to these violations and seek out ways to resolve them.

#### **Requirements for the Minor in Social Justice Studies:**

The minor requires that students complete a minimum 21 hours in courses focusing on Social Justice. In completing this requirement students must take:

SWK 394 Topics in Social Work: Social Justice  
A minimum of 3 hours in each of the 3 subfields of study listed below. Though some courses may appear in more than one category, a course may only be counted toward the distribution requirement in one subfield.  
9 additional semester hours drawn from any of the subfields.

**Subfield: American Studies** (Examining issues for people in the Americas)

AFR 310 Afro American Law and the Courts  
ANT 231 Modern American Indians  
ANT 360 Indians of Mexico and Guatemala  
ENG 210 Survey of African American Literature  
GEO 309 Historical Geography of the United States  
HIS 325 Colonial Latin America  
HIS 326 Recent Latin America  
HIS 431 Historical Themes in African American History  
HNR 302 Humanity and Society (if focus is in the Americas)

HNR 306 Studies in Diversity (if focus is in the Americas)  
REL 325 African American Religious Experience  
RTV 325 Popular Culture and Mass Media  
SWK 494 Multicultural Issues in Early Childhood Settings  
SOC 205 Current Social Issues  
SOC 300 Race and Ethnic Relations

**Subfield: World Studies** (Examining issues for people throughout the world)

ANT 275 Language and Communication  
ANT 301 World Patterns of Race and Ethnicity  
GEO 310 Geography of Population  
GEO 410 Geography of Asia  
HIS 336 Africa Since 1870  
HIS 413 History of Nazi Germany  
HIS 414 The Holocaust  
HNR 302 Humanity and Society (if focus is global)  
HNR 306 Studies in Diversity (if focus is global)  
PHI 323 Peace and War  
PHI 325 Philosophy of Nonviolence  
SOC 301 World Patterns of Race and Ethnicity

**Subfield: Gender Studies** (Examining issues based on sex, sexuality, and sex roles)

HIS 444 History of Women in the United States to 1900  
HIS 445 History of Women in the United States since 1900  
HNR 306 Studies in Diversity (if focus gender-based diversity)  
SOC 210 Analysis of Race and Gender  
WMS 310 Women, Wages, and Work  
WMS 381 Women and Literature (with approval)  
WMS 382 Women and Society (with approval)  
WMS 383 Women and World Cultures (with approval)  
WMS 386 Women and the Law (with approval)

9 additional semester hours drawn from any of the subfields.

Courses taught with rotating topics, such as WMS 381 or HNR 302, and special topics courses listed under departmental headings, such as ANT 394 Topics in Anthropology, may also count toward the minor. Such courses must be approved by the director. Approval for the minor will be based on course content and pedagogy.

Students may also apply any of the courses approved for the certificate (listed below) towards the completion of the 21 hours for the minor. Topics for student research and/or student placement for field experience must be related to issues of social justice and approved by the director.

#### **Requirements for the Certificate in Social Justice Studies**

In order to be eligible for a formal certificate in Social Justice Studies a Student must complete the following requirements:

Complete all requirements of the minor

Complete an approved 1-hour course of Independent Study by participating in the People's Institute For Freedom and Beyond. This weekend seminar, held annually on campus, provides students with training in community-based social justice work.

Complete a course requiring a minimum of 40 hours of Community Action/Experiential Learning drawn from the list below.

ANT 325 Applied Anthropology  
ANT 461 Research Practicum  
SOC 322 Applied Sociology  
SOC 461 Research Practicum  
SWK 105 Community Experience in the Social Services  
SWK 306 Field instruction I  
SWK 405 Social Work Practice: Community Organization

Students should be aware that some courses have prerequisites and/or corequisites that students may have to meet. No student should assume that these requirements would be waived. Research topics and placements for field experiences must be related to issues of social justice and approved by the director.

**Program Goals for Social Justice Studies**

1. To develop an understanding and appreciation for diversity with equity.
2. To develop an awareness of how social justice relates to every academic discipline
3. To be able to analyze the historical antecedents of racism and other forms of oppression, and the patterns and processes of power, priv-

ilege and social inequality.

4. For students to understand their responsibilities and commitment to social justice, social reform, and advocacy both historically and in contemporary times.
5. To integrate theoretical and empirical knowledge of oppressed groups into effective social justice strategies.
6. To demonstrate increased critical self-awareness of one's role and responsibility to achieve a just society.
7. To identify ethical dilemmas and anti-racist strategies implicated in the resolution of social inequity.

