

ECON 270.3 Development in
Non Industrialized Countries
ECON 277.3 Economics of the Environment
POLS 237.3 Modern Political Theory
POLS 244.3 Governance and Development
in the Global South
POLS 245.3 Politics of Africa
POLS 250.3 Understanding the State
in a Global Era
POLS 251.3 Social Movements and Change
POLS 261.3 Global Politics
POLS 262.3 Global Governance
POLS 336.3 Justice and Democracy
POLS 349.3 Politics of Canadian Diversity
POLS 370.3 War and Diplomacy
in the International System
PSY 231.3 Psychology and Law
PSY 261.3 Community Psychology
SOC 214.3 Social Control
SOC 242.3 Introduction to Sociology
of Womens Studies
SOC 260.3 Social Change and Global Solidarity
SOC 305.3 Ethnic Stratification
SOC 306.3 Contemporary Class Structure
SOC 328.3 Social Inequality and Health
SOC 360.3 Globalization and Social Justice



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The *Minor in Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and the Common Good* is an interdisciplinary course of study using the collected insights of various academic disciplines designed to prepare students to be responsible critics of contemporary societies and effective agents for positive social transformation. Students will reflect on the causes and structures of injustice and approaches to social change at interpersonal, communal, national, and global levels.

As a central concept in Catholic thought on social justice, the Minor will explore the role of the common good in the religious, ethical, philosophical, and social science traditions. As part of their course of study, students will be challenged to critically examine historical and contemporary misappropriation and abuse of the constructs of social justice and common good.

Through a community service-learning pedagogy, offered in a number of courses, this minor creatively engages faculty, students, and community partners in local and international responses to inequality and marginalization. Cycles of exclusion (e.g., marginalization associated with disability, age, gender, poverty, sexuality, racism, violence, colonialism, post-colonialism, class, speciesism, and the environment), urban justice, globalization, and ecojustice are the areas of concentration for empirical, social analyses of social injustice.

From these areas of concentration and issues of justice, students gain a solid intellectual and ethical grasp of the understandings of the common good.

The Minor may be completed in conjunction with any degree in the College of Arts & Science.

Requirements (21 credit units)

Courses must be taken from at least 3 different subjects.

Required:

CPSJ 203.3 Cultivating Humanity
CPSJ 400.3 Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and the Common Good

Choose 15 credit units from the following. At least 3 credit units must be at the 300- or 400-Level. A minimum of 3 credit units must be taken from each of the Humanities and the Social Sciences lists.

Humanities:

CTST 200.3 Introduction to Catholic Studies
PHIL 226.3 Environmental Philosophy
PHIL 231.3 Moral Problems
PHIL 234.3 Biomedical Ethics
PHIL 262.3 Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 337.3 Philosophy of Law
RLST 220.3 Women in Western Religious Traditions
RLST 228.3 Judaism Justice and Prophecy
RLST 321.3 Gender and God Talk

Interdisciplinary Studies:

CPSJ 112.3 Introduction to Peace Studies

Social Sciences:

Choose 3 credit units from the following:
ANTH 231.3 Cross Cultural Perspectives on Health and Illness
ANTH 310.3 Anthropology of Gender
ANTH 326.3 Applied Anthropology
ANTH 330.3 Oral History and Storytelling Anthropological Perspectives
ECON 221.3 Women and the Economy
ECON 223.3 Labour Economics