# Justice Studies

**Department of Sociology**

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Students **must** consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

Justice Studies B.A.

Course Requirements

Courses

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| PHIL 208 | Introduction to Theories of Justice | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 202 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
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| SOC 207 | Crime and Criminal Justice | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

ONE COURSE FROM

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| POL 208 | Introduction to the Law | 4 | F, Sp |
| PSYC 110 | Introduction to Psychology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| PSYC 215 | Social Psychology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 200 | Introduction to Sociology | 4 | F, Sp |

Research Methods

CHOOSE Option I, II, or III below

Option I

(For all justice studies majors, including those double majoring in justice studies and sociology)

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| SOC 302W | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 404 | Social Data Analysis | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Option II

(For students double majoring in justice studies and political science)

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| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 302W | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Option III

(For students double majoring in justice studies and psychology)

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| PSYC 320 | Research Methods II: Behavioral Statistics | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 302W | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Core Theory and Capstone

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| JSTD 466W | Seminar in Justice Studies | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 332 | Civil Liberties in the United States | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 362W | Theories of Crime Seminar | 4 | F, Sp |

Cognates

FIVE COURSES from

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| ANTH 333 | Comparative Law and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| SOC 333 | Comparative Law and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
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| ANTH 347 | Environmental Justice | 4 | Alternate Years |
| CSCI 410 | Digital Forensics | 4 | Fall |
| JSTD 350 | Topics in Justice Studies | 4 | As needed |
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| PHIL 321 | Social and Political Philosophy | 3 | F, Sp |
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| POL 327 | Internship in State Government | 4 | Sp |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| POL 328 | Field Experiences in the Public Sector | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| SOC 435 | Fieldwork in Sociology | 1-4 | As Needed |
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| POL 330 | Jurisprudence and the American Judicial Process | **4** | As needed |
| POL 331 | Courts and Public Policy | 4 | F |
| POL 344 | Human Rights | 4 | Spring (Alternate Years) |
| SOC 318 | Law and Society | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 320 | Aging and the Law | 4 | Annually |
| SOC 324 | Immigration and Justice | 4 | Annually |
| SOC 340 | Police and Policing | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 341 | Sociology of Punishment | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 342 | Women, Crime, and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 343 | Juveniles and Justice | 4 | As needed |
| SOC 344 | Race and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 345 | Victimology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Note: POL 327: Double majors in justice studies and social work may choose SWRK 436.

Note: CSCI 410 requires the following prerequisites:  CSCI 102, CSCI 157 or CSCI 211 (the last for which the prerequisite is CSCI 157), and CSCI 402. This course is recommended for students who also major or minor in CSCI who are likely to have these prerequisite courses.

Note: Students taking SOC 435 may earn between 1 and 4 credits depending on when the course is offered.

Note: Program includes courses that will also apply to the General Education program in the Social and Behavioral Sciences and Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning distributions.

Total Credit Hours: 51-56

Justice Studies Minor

Course Requirements

The minor in justice studies consists of 26–28 credit hours (seven courses), as follows:

Courses

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| POL 202 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 332 | Civil Liberties in the United States | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 207 | Crime and Criminal Justice | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 362W | Theories of Crime Seminar | 4 | F, Sp |

THREE COURSES from the following:

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| ANTH 333 | Comparative Law and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| SOC 333 | Comparative Law and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 347 | Environmental Justice | 4 | Alternate Years |
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| JSTD 350 | Topics in Justice Studies | 4 | As needed |
| PHIL 321 | Social and Political Philosophy | 3 | F, Sp |
| POL 330 | Jurisprudence and the American Judicial Process | **4** | As needed. |
| POL 344 | Human Rights | 4 | Spring (Alternate Years) |
| SOC 318 | Law and Society | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 320 | Aging and the Law | 4 | Annually |
| SOC 324 | Immigration and Justice | 4 | Annually |
| SOC 340 | Police and Policing | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 341 | Sociology of Punishment | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 342 | Women, Crime, and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 343 | Juveniles and Justice | 4 | As needed |
| SOC 344 | Race and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |

Total Credit Hours: 26-28

**Course Descriptions**

**Political Science**

POL 328 - Field Experiences in the Public Sector (4)

Students are assigned to local, state, or national agencies, political parties, or interest groups. Assignments relate field experiences to academic concepts.

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

POL 330 - Jurisprudence and the American Judicial Process (4)

Students examine and compare theories of law and legal reasoning, focusing on how judges determine what the law is and apply it to decide cases across different areas of law.

Prerequisite: One 200-level political science course or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

POL 331 - Courts and Public Policy (4)

Students examine the role of courts in forming and implementing public policy. Topics include litigation strategies, the selection of judges, judicial activism, and the impact of court decisions on society.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Offered: Fall.

POL 332 - Civil Liberties in the United States (4)

Traditional constitutional guarantees of civil liberty and due process in American life are examined. Included are an examination of legal decisions and the justifications offered for those decisions.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 333 - Law and Politics of Civil Rights (4)

Struggles for legal and political equality are examined, with primary focus on discrimination based on race, sex, and sexual orientation. Interactions among law, political institutions, interest groups, and social movements are also explored.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

POL 334 - Contemporary Constitutional Problems (4)

Students explore current issues in constitutional law, focusing on questions of federalism and the separation of powers, and participate in a Supreme Court simulation.

Prerequisite: POL 202 and one of the following: POL 208, POL 315, POL 331, POL 332, POL 333, or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring (alternate years).

POL 337 - Urban Political Geography (3)

Geographic and political analyses are used to study the growth of cities. Consideration is given to the role of cities on local, national, and world scales. Students cannot receive credit for both GEOG 337 and POL 337.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level geography or political science course or consent of department chair.