

SOCIAL POLICY CURRICULUM

Social policies are the guiding principles that serve as the foundation for social programs. The Social Policy concentration allows you to analyze the ways in which social policies and social institutions influence the course of human lives, as well as the ways in which individuals and groups can influence social policies. You will gain both a strong background in the social sciences and a familiarity with current social policy issues.

Your coursework explores the development of public policy in such fields as education reform, health care, poverty, urban systems, social welfare, childcare, and aging. You can select classes in a particular policy area, such as political science, economics, or sociology, or in methods of policy analysis and program evaluation.

The Social Policy concentration provides an excellent foundation for work in public policy, government, not-for-profit work, policy research and analysis, advocacy, community development, and politics. In addition, study in Social Policy makes you well suited for graduate study in law, policy studies, public affairs and political management.

Curriculum

You must complete the following Social Policy concentration courses:

- SOC POL 201 Introduction to Social Policy
- SESP 202 Introduction to Community Development
- ECON 202 Introduction to Microeconomics
- POLI SCI 220 Introduction to American Government and Politics

One of the following:

- SOC POL 304 Social Policy and the Human Services
- SOC POL 312 Social Policymaking & Implementation

One of the following:

- SOC POL 305 Law and Social Policy
- SOC POL 307 Education Policy
- SOC POL 311 Social Policy and the U.S. Healthcare System
- SOC POL 332 Economics of Education Policy

One of the following:

- SOC POL 330 Economics of Social Policy
- SOC POL 331 Economics of Inequality and Discrimination
- SOC POL 332 Economics of Education Policy

Please note that ECON 202 and SESP 210 (statistics) are prerequisites for SOC POL 330, 331 and 332.

Your remaining 11 (five at the any level, six at the 300 level) concentration courses will be selected from the eligible course list, in consultation with your academic adviser. One 'skills development' course may be counted toward your concentration. See the eligible course list here:

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