

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HEALTH EQUITY (MINOR)

The Minor in Social Justice and Health Equity is closed to new enrollments beginning fall 2025.

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Minor in Social Justice and Health Equity

Unit: School of Public Health & Information Sciences (<http://louisville.edu/sphis/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): SJHEMINOR

The intersection of social justice and health equity in public health has never been clearer, and the current US and world contexts have given rise to unprecedented career interest in public health as well as public health approaches to other complex social issues. A minor in Social Justice and Health Equity will enhance students' preparation for jobs across multiple sectors, with competencies applicable to a wide range of social justice and health equity issues. Graduating students that can apply a social justice and health equity lens to an array of complex issues in their communities hold potential to make meaningful strides toward equity.

The Social Justice and Health Equity minor can be pursued as a specialization within the BA/BS Public Health majors, or as adjunct to preparation for other health fields such as medicine or nursing, or for a basic or social science, such as biology, social work, or sociology. Current UofL students will be required to apply to the minor and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA. The minor in Social Justice and Health Equity requires the completion of a minimum of 18 credit hours.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PHPB 310	Power, Oppression & Liberation in Social Systems	3
PHPB 311	Policy and Systems of Power	3
PHPB 312	Social Justice Practice in Public Health	3
PHPB 313	Strategies for Social Action	3
Electives		
Select 3 credit hours from the list below:		3
PPE 300	Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ANTH 347	Global Capitalisms	
HIST 323	Modern American Social Movements	
Select 3 credit hours from the list below:		3
PHPB 321	Social Justice and Youth Activism	
PHPB 322	Climate Change, Social Justice, and Healthy Equity	
BSW 332	Intro Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues and Social Welfare	

CJ 201	Introduction to Law Enforcement - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
CJ 202	Introduction to Corrections - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
CJ 360	Juvenile Justice
CJ 365	Community Corrections
CJ 426	Violence in the United States
CJ 440	Human Trafficking
CJ 493	Police and the Community
HIST 589	History of American Sexualities - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
LALS 321	Social Science Special Topics in Latin American Studies
PAS 305	Legal Lynchings: A Survey of Race, Law, and the American Justice System
PAS 325	Politics of Black Male Identity in Post-Modern America
PAS 326	Black Political Thought: Africa to Afrocentricity
PAS 338	Race and Economics
PAS 362	Civil Rights and the Law I
PAS 363	Civil Rights and the Law II
PAS 366	Inequality and Health: The Black Experience
PAS 368	Race, Culture, Identity
PAS 410	Black Feminism in Action
PAS 412	The Underground Railroad and American Memory
PAS 530	The Life and Times of Malcolm X
PAS 547	Language, Race, Class and Gender
PHIL 328	Environmental Ethics
PHIL 535	Political Philosophy
PHIL 583	Race, Medicine, and Health
POLS 302	Urban Political Economy
POLS 305	Urban Politics
POLS 310	Policy, Community & Service
POLS 315	Race, Law and Politics - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
POLS 316	Gender, Sexuality & Law
POLS 319	Media and Politics
POLS 320	Civil Rights and the Law II
POLS 323	Queer Politics
POLS 324	Women in American Politics
POLS 329	Sports and Politics
POLS 334	The Politics of Global Economic Relations
POLS 335	Global Environmental Politics
POLS 384	Democracy and Its Critics - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
POLS 395	Political Leadership - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

POLS 444/644	Law, Diplomacy and Power: The Foreign Relations of the U.S.
POLS 520	Coping with Conflict
POLS 552	Politics through Film
POLS 568	Feminist Theory - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
PSYC 366	
PSYC 442	Psych of Trauma - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
SCHG 305	Hip-Hop and Social Movements - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
SCHG 333	Globalizing Inequalities - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
SCHG 399	Lectures in Social Change
SCHG 401	Social Change Community Internship
SOC 210	Race in the United States - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
SOC 305	Urban Sociology
SOC 315	Environmental Sociology
SOC 323	Diversity and Inequality
SOC 417	Reproductive Justice
SOC 442	Sociology of Disabilities
SOC 454	Social Inequality & Stratification - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
SOC 464	Race and Ethnicity - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
SOC 470	Political Sociology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
URBS 432	Sustainable Social-Ecological Systems
URBS 632	Sustainable Social-Ecological Systems
WGST 203	Gender Issues in Public Dialogue - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), OC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
WGST 301	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies
WGST 391	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a minor must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.