Inequality, Social Problems, and Change

Minor in Inequality, Social Problems, and Change

The Inequality, Social Problems, and Change minor offers students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the nature of inequality as it takes shape in pivotal societal institutions and to formulate feasible pathways for reducing inequality and improving quality of life. The minor prepares students to effect change by learning how to move from theory to action on social challenges related to their chosen profession. Course work in the minor is designed to complement the knowledge base students gain in their majors across disciplines. The minor provides students with foundational knowledge about the causes and consequences of social inequality in its various forms, including economic, racial, gender, and class. All courses attend to social change, ranging from offering hands-on experience in addressing inequality on the ground level to interrogating the relative merits of concrete avenues for effecting change. Students will transform conceptual knowledge into action by learning about a range of strategies that can be used to address disparities. The minor facilitates multilevel, multisystem thinking, with the explicit goal of effecting change to reduce social inequality and social problems.

Program Requirements

Students must take a total of five approved courses to complete the minor in Inequality, Social Problems, and Change, including one foundation course and four elective courses.

1. One foundation course. Students are required to take one of two foundation courses: Either SSAD 25810 Social Problems, Social Policy, and Social Change or SSAD 25002 Social Welfare Policy and Services. Both of these foundation courses provide students with an understanding of the historical context giving rise to different forms of inequality and strategies for change. Students are strongly encouraged to take one of these courses before taking elective courses in the minor.

2. Four elective courses: Students will take four approved elective courses. The list of approved electives changes every year. Examples of approved electives are listed below. The full list of approved courses for the current academic year can be found at crownschool.uchicago.edu/college-minor (https://crownschool.uchicago.edu/college-minor/). Elective courses are organized into specific domains of inequality (e.g., communities and cities; global and migration; law and social justice; poverty, family, and work; and health and mental health). In consultation with the faculty director, students may choose to take several courses in one domain to deepen their knowledge in a particular topic or take courses across several domains to broaden their understanding of inequality and social change across multiple areas.

Summary of Requirements

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* One of these electives may be an SSAD graduate course.

Elective Courses

Communities and Cities Domain

- SSAD 21000 Race & American Public Schools 100
- SSAD 21100 How Things Get Done in Cities and Why 100
- SSAD 23412 Cultural Studies in Education 100
- SSAD 28112 Community Organizing 100
- CHDV 20305 Inequality in Urban Spaces 100
- LLSO 29705 Democracy and Equality 100
- PBPL 25704 Environmental Justice in Chicago 100
- PLSC 20817 Race, Social Movements and American Politics 100
- PLSC 26000 Race and Politics 100
- RLST 10102 Religion, Reason, and the State 100
- SOCI 20233 Race in Contemporary American Society 100
- SOCI 20269 Policing the City 100
- SOCI 20503 Sociology of Race and Racism 100
- SOCI 20521 Sociology of urban planning: cities, territories, environments 100
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<td>PPHA 32760</td>
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Poverty, Family, and Work Domain

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<td>Inequality at Work: The Changing Nature of Jobs and Prospects for Improvement</td>
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<td>SSAD 25630</td>
<td>Poverty, Work, and Family Policy</td>
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<td>MAPS 31507</td>
<td>Gig Work &amp; Emotional Labor in Services</td>
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<td>Smart Decarceration: A Grand Challenge for Social Work</td>
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<td>Justice, Equity, and Opportunity: Shifting Approaches to Criminal Justice Reform</td>
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<td>Crime, Justice, and Inequality in the American City</td>
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<td>Process and Policy in State and City Government</td>
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<td>Prejudice and Discrimination: Individual Cost and Response</td>
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<td>Xenophobia and the Politics of Belonging</td>
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<td>Cultural Diversity, Structural Barriers, and Multilingualism in Clinical and Healing Encounters</td>
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<td>GNSE 23132</td>
<td>Activist Survival Kits: Feminism, Race, and the Politics of Movement Health</td>
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ADVISING AND GRADING

Courses in the minor may not be double counted with the student's major(s), other minors, or general education requirements. Courses in the minor must be taken for quality grades, and more than half of the requirements for the minor must be met by registering for courses bearing University of Chicago course numbers.

Students who elect the minor must meet with the faculty director for the minor before the end of Spring Quarter of their third year to declare their intention to complete the minor. The director's approval for the minor program should be submitted to a student's College adviser by the deadline using the Consent to Complete a Minor Program form available from the College adviser.

INEQUALITY, SOCIAL PROBLEMS, AND CHANGE COURSES

Communities and Cities Courses

SSAD 21000. Race & American Public Schools. 100 Units.
This course explores the fundamental role that race and racism have played in the structure, stratification, and social functioning of American public schools. Working within and between historical perspectives, contemporary policy challenges, theory, and empirical research, we will explore questions of purpose, identity, otherness, and justice. What can the histories of Black and Indigenous schooling reveal about the educational
Instructor(s): Sarah Fredericks Terms Offered: Winter

justice. normative judgments and the types of authorities authors utilize and claim as they consider environmental will explore how normative commitments are expressed in different types of literature as well as the basis for often understudied role of religion in environmental justice theory and practice. Throughout the course we focus on environmental justice issues in Chicago including, but not limited to waste disposal, toxic air and water, and ethical literature about the subject as well as primary source accounts of environmental injustices. We will

PBPL 25704. Environmental Justice in Chicago. 100 Units. 

Instructor(s): M. Keels Terms Offered: Autumn

This is a class about community organizing and how organizing brings about collective action. Through analysis of both historical and contemporary community organizing efforts, students will learn how organizing mobilizes people to gain power and influence over public policy and decision-making that directly impact them. Students will be introduced to different conceptual models of organizing, as well as how these models employ different theories of social change. The course emphasizes the "nuts-and-bolts" of organizing, ranging from strategic vision formulation to campaign development to one-on-one engagement. Students will have the opportunity to learn, discuss, and employ these different organizing skills and techniques through in-class exercises and group projects.

Equivalent Course(s): EDSO 63412, SSAD 63412, EDSO 23412

Innovation. Prosperity. Democracy. Diversity. Cities long have been lauded as unique incubators of these social features. In contrast to the national level, the smaller scale and dense diversity of cities is thought to encourage the development of civic solutions that work for the many. But cities are inhabited by distinct groups of people with divergent interests and varied beliefs about how to address countless urban issues, such as creating jobs, delivering education, ensuring safe neighborhoods, promoting environmental sustainability, and taking care of the vulnerable. Many groups and organizations have an interest in the outcomes of these processes. Some take action to try to shape them to their own advantage, while others have few chances to make themselves heard. This course examines the social and political dynamics that undergird possible avenues for creating social change in cities, including interest representation, decision-making, and inclusion/exclusion. We will draw insights from multiple disciplines and explore a variety of substantive areas, such as housing, public safety, economic development, education, and the provision of social welfare. This course is part of the College Course Cluster program: Urban Design.

Terms Offered: TBD

Equivalent Course(s): LLSO 21100, ENST 25006, PBPL 25006, SOCI 20294

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Terms Offered: TBD

Equivalent Course(s): LLSO 21100, ENST 25006, PBPL 25006, SOCI 20294

SSAD 23412. Cultural Studies in Education. 100 Units.

The course begins with an introduction to the history, development, and basic tenets of cultural studies. Throughout our work together, we will examine how social class, race/ethnicity, and gender are represented in literacy, language, and cultural theories and research that examine reproduction and resistance. Using cultural studies as the point of departure, this course explores the intersection of culture, power, and language (both oral and written) within schools and school systems. In accordance with the tenets of cultural studies, the course is guided by the presumption that culture (as it is realized through the functioning of schools and their agents and the experiences, knowledge, expressions, dispositions, and meaning-making of people of color, women, and low-income or working-class individuals) is critical for understanding and intervening in the reproduction of social and economic inequality. In order to understand the reproduction of inequality we will examine theories and empirical investigations that explore how structures of domination and subordination are reproduced and social difference and inequality are reinscribed through the cultural practices that are reflected in schools. We will also analyze the extent to which the cultural practices and experiences of marginalized individuals simultaneously contribute to the process of reproduction and also affirm the emancipatory possibilities of resistance.

Equivalent Course(s): EDSO 63412, SSAD 63412, EDSO 23412

SSAD 28112. Community Organizing. 100 Units.

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Equivalent Course(s): CHST 28112, HMRT 34950, SSAD 48112

CHDV 20305. Inequality in Urban Spaces. 100 Units.

The problems confronting urban schools are bound to the social, economic, and political conditions of the urban environments in which schools reside. Thus, this course will explore social, economic, and political issues, with an emphasis on issues of race and class as they have affected the distribution of equal educational opportunities in urban schools. We will focus on the ways in which family, school, and neighborhood characteristics intersect to shape the divergent outcomes of low- and middle-income children residing with any given neighborhood. Students will tackle an important issue affecting the residents and schools in one Chicago neighborhood. This course is part of the College Course Cluster: Urban Design.

Instructor(s): M. Keels Terms Offered: Autumn

Note(s): CHDV Distribution: B, 2*

Equivalent Course(s): EDSO 20305, CRES 20305, PBPL 20305, EDSO 40315

PBPL 25704. Environmental Justice in Chicago. 100 Units.

This course will examine the development of environmental justice theory and practice through social scientific and ethical literature about the subject as well as primary source accounts of environmental injustices. We will focus on environmental justice issues in Chicago including, but not limited to waste disposal, toxic air and water, the Chicago heat wave, and climate change. Particular attention will be paid to environmental racism and the often understudied role of religion in environmental justice theory and practice. Throughout the course we will explore how normative commitments are expressed in different types of literature as well as the basis for normative judgments and the types of authorities authors utilize and claim as they consider environmental justice.

Instructor(s): Sarah Fredericks Terms Offered: Winter
Note(s): Graduate students need permission to enroll and will have additional requirements.
Equivalent Course(s): CHST 25704, KNOW 25704, RLST 25704, ENST 25704, AMER 25704, CRES 25704

**PLSC 20817. Race, Social Movements and American Politics. 100 Units.**
Throughout history it has often been the collective action of the most oppressed groups that has changed political systems and hierarchies in unprecedented ways, providing a vehicle for the participation of the those formally disempowered. It is just such collective political action that we will examine in this course. Throughout the quarter we will concentrate on one particular form of collective resistance-social movements. Given the rise of race-based social movements such as the Immigrant’s Rights Movement and the Movement for Black Lives, exploring this form of mobilization, voice and political participation seems especially pertinent to the study of American politics today. Under consideration throughout the quarter will be such questions as: What counts as a social movement? What motivates people to engage in such activity? What are the challenges that movements and their leaders face? What impact do social movements have on the distribution of the lives of marginal communities and the general functioning of the state?
Instructor(s): C. Cohen Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): CRES 20817

**PLSC 26000. Race and Politics. 100 Units.**
Fundamentally, this course is meant to explore how race, both historically and currently, influences politics in the United States. For example, is there something unique about the politics of African Americans? Does the idea and lived experience of whiteness shape one’s political behavior? Throughout the quarter, students interrogate the way scholars, primarily in the field of American politics, have ignored, conceptualized, measured, modeled, and sometimes fully engaged the concept of race. We examine the multiple manifestations of race in the political domain, both as it functions alone and as it intersects with other identities such as gender, class, and sexuality.
Instructor(s): C. Cohen Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): CRES 26000

**RLST 10102. Religion, Reason, and the State. 100 Units.**
The second quarter of this sequence explores the work of key theorists on the role of religion in modern society, politics, and the state. Central questions include: How has state power transformed religious institutions, knowledge, and practice? How can we account for the persistence of religious commitments in the face of secularization? What role has religion played in revolutionary movements and in resistance against state power?
Instructor(s): Alireza Doostdar Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): No prerequisites.
Note(s): This is the second of a two-quarter sequence. Students may enroll in either one of the courses in this sequence independently of the other course. This course counts as a Gateway course for RLST majors/minors.
Equivalent Course(s): ANTH 23915

**SOCI 20269. Policing the City. 100 Units.**
This course explores the historical origins, evolution, and current manifestations of policing the United States. Using a political sociological perspective, this course explores policing in ways that will provide broader lessons about societal issues of social control, social order, race, class, crime, social psychology, and politics. The course examines key issues in policing, such as police brutality, racial profiling, and the management of social protest. It also reviews the historical origins of the policy in order to understand that modern day policing issues is much more of a continuation of the past than most think. Reading and course material will be discussed in relation to current events.
Instructor(s): R. Vargas Terms Offered: Autumn

**SOCI 20503. Sociology of Race and Racism. 100 Units.**
This course is designed to help students begin to develop their own informed perspectives on American racial “problems” by introducing them to the ways that sociologists deal with race and racism in the US. We will begin by talking generally about the basic structure of racial formations in the contemporary US, the mechanisms by which they are reproduced, and possibilities for resistance and change. In the second part of the course, we will turn to the issue of popular representations of people of color in the US. We will look specifically at how African American, Asian American Latino and Native American women and men are portrayed in popular culture.
Instructor(s): J. Bell Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): CRES 12503

**SOCI 20521. Sociology of urban planning: cities, territories, environments. 100 Units.**
This course provides a high-intensity introduction to the sociology of urban planning practice under modern capitalism. Building upon urban sociology, planning theory and history as well as urban social science and environmental studies, we explore the emergence, development and continual transformation of urban planning in relation to changing configurations of capitalist urbanization, modern state power, sociopolitical insurgency and environmental crisis. Following an initial exploration of divergent conceptualizations of “planning” and “urbanization,” we investigate the changing sites and targets of planning; struggles regarding the instruments, goals and constitutions of planning; the contradictory connections between planning and diverse configurations of power in modern society (including class, race, gender and sexuality); and the possibility that new forms of planning might help produce more socially just and environmentally sane forms of urbanization in the future.
Instructor(s): N. Brenner Terms Offered: Winter
SSAD 25112. Contemporary Immigration Policy and Practice. 100 Units.
Today’s immigration debates have brought to the fore conflicting visions regarding U.S. immigration policies, including the impacts and inequities faced by an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants and their families. The debates as well impact who will be welcomed to migrate in the future and under what conditions. We will delve into the U.S. immigration policy debates and alternative visions. We’ll consider how states and the federal government interface, collaborate and clash. As immigration, immigrants and refugees are today a central focus of U.S. politics and affected by these realities, we will explore related current and future political dynamics.

Equivalent Course(s): CRES 25003, LACS 25003, PBPL 25003, SOCI 28079, HMRT 25003

Terms Offered: TBD
Instructor(s): S. Hicks-Bartlett

SSAD 25003. Immigration, Law and Society. 100 Units.
Law is everywhere within the social world. It shapes our everyday lives in countless ways by permitting, prohibiting, protecting and prosecuting native-born citizens and immigrants alike. This course reviews the major theoretical perspectives and sociological research on the relationship between law and society, with an empirical focus on immigrants in the United States, primarily from Mexico and Central America. To begin, we explore the permeation of law in everyday life, legal consciousness, and gap between “law on the books” and “law on the ground.” The topic of immigration is introduced with readings on the socio-legal construction of immigration status, theories of international migration, and U.S. immigration law at the national and subnational levels. We continue to study the social impact of law on immigrants through the topics of liminal legality; children, families, and romantic partnerships; policing, profiling, and raids; detention and deportation; and immigrants’ rights. This course adopts a “law in action” approach centered on the social, political, and cultural contexts of law as it relates to immigration and social change. It is designed to expose you to how social scientists study and think about law, and to give you the analytical skills to examine law, immigration, and social change relationally.

Terms Offered: TBD
Equivalent Course(s): SSAD 41412

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the challenges faced in working within the intersection of immigration policy and people’s lives, and how this
work shapes our various roles as practitioners, policy makers, advocates and allies, including how social change
is achieved at the local, statewide and national levels.
Equivalent Course(s): SSAD 45112, HMRT 45112

SSAD 26922. Structuring Refugee: U.S. Refugee Policy and Resettlement Practice. 100 Units.
At the end of 2017 there were over 68.5 million forcibly displaced people around the world, the highest number
ever recorded (UNHCR, 2019). The number of newly displaced people in 2017 was 16.2 million, which is the
equivalent of 44,400 new displacements every day. Over 25.4 million registered refugees were among those
displaced, and of these just 102,800 were admitted to third countries for permanent resettlement. Historically
the U.S. has been the largest resettlement country in the world: since 1975 the U.S. has resettled more than 3
million refugees. Refugees in the U.S. are entitled to an array of federal, state, and local supports that other
immigrants must do without. At the same time, refugees in the U.S. are arguably subject to greater scrutiny
and systems of social control than most other un-incarcerated domestic populations. However, the terrain of
U.S. refugee resettlement has shifted dramatically as a result of the Executive Orders introduced by the Trump
Administration. This course asks the central questions: How is refugee status constructed as a political process;
what are the interrelationships between institutional actors and refugee policies and what are the implications
of these interrelationships for service delivery to refugees in the U.S.; what does research tell us about the
resettlement outcomes of refugees in the U.S. and what drives these outcomes; and what are the points of
intervention for social workers in the refugee resettlement practice.
Equivalent Course(s): HMRT 46922, SSAD 46922

MAPS 31501. The Craft of History. 100 Units.
This course offers a graduate-level introduction to professional historical methods, with a dual focus on
contemporary historiographical trends and hands-on practice with archival material. Students will read one
recent book each week and will use classroom discussions to consider how the text fits into larger arguments and
trends in the field. Students will also work collaboratively to examine published, digital, and manuscript archives
relating to a cluster of topics to be determined in the first two weeks of the quarter. Advanced undergraduates,
particularly students with a strong interest in archival research, may enroll with instructor permission.
Instructor(s): John McCallum Terms Offered: Winter

PBPL 28498. Women, Development and Politics. 100 Units.
This course will explore the dominant and emerging trends and debates in the field of women and international
development. The major theoretical perspectives responding to global gender inequalities will be explored
alongside a wide range of themes impacting majority-world women, such as free market globalization, health and sexuality, race and representation, participatory development, human rights, the environment and participation in politics. Course lectures will integrate policy and practitioner accounts and perspectives to
reflect the strong influence development practice has in shaping and informing the field. Course materials
will also include anti-racist, postcolonial and post-development interruptions to dominant development
discourse, specifically to challenge the underlying biases and assumptions of interventions that are predicated on transforming “them” into “us”. The material will also explore the challenges of women participating in politics and what are the consequences when they do or do not.
Instructor(s): A. Adukia Terms Offered: TBD

PLSC 21820. Global Justice and the Ethics of Immigration. 100 Units.
This course examines different theories of global justice and justice in migration that have been developed by
political theorists since the 1980s. It explores urgent ethical questions in international affairs, with a particular
focus on global poverty, global inequality and the ethics of immigration. Addressed questions will include the
following: what does justice require at the global level? Does the very idea of global justice make sense? Are
economic inequalities between countries morally objectionable and, if so, why? What do affluent countries
(and their citizens) owe to less affluent countries (and their citizens)? Should states have a right to control their
territorial borders? To what extent do they have a right to exclude immigrants? What are the obligations of
states towards newly arrived immigrants? We will address these normative questions by reading and critically
assessing important texts written by leading scholars within the field of political theory and applied ethics,
including John Rawls, Charles Beitz, Peter Singer, Thomas Pogge, Joseph Carens and many others.
Instructor(s): C. Cordelli Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): CRES 21820
PPHA 32760. Global Development and Social Welfare. 100 Units.
The persistence of disparities in social development across countries is one of the major problems societies struggle to understand and address. This course will critically examine the major theories of global development along with contemporary debates relating to international social welfare. Students will assess how political, economic, historical, and environmental factors influence different nations’ development trajectories, and compare how alternative models of service delivery and social intervention serve or fail to serve their intended populations. The geographic focus of the course will be Latin America and Africa, though case studies may also be drawn from other regions of the world. The course will be useful for both students who have had previous international experience as well as students who are interested in international social work and/or development practice. This course fulfills the Specialized Diversity Requirement. This course is one of Crown Family School’s global and international course offerings.
Equivalent Course(s): SSAD 62912

Poverty, Family, and Work Courses

SSAD 20550. Food Insecurity and Food Policy in the U.S. 100 Units.
Despite the economic recovery following the Great Recession, there continue to be approximately 40 million individuals in the U.S. who experience food insecurity. In this course, we will explore the paradox of how so many people struggle to afford an adequate diet within the borders of the world’s top food exporter and the extent to which inequality is embedded in the U.S. food system and in American social policy. We will examine the basic structure of our domestic food system, the causes and consequences of food insecurity, the effectiveness of current public and private responses, and how new challenges in the 21st century may influence current and future strategies. Among the diverse topics we will delve into over the quarter are the recent efforts to reduce access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which remains the primary mechanism for addressing food insecurity; the economic challenges experienced by workers throughout the food system, from farm to table; the intersection of the U.S. food system and immigration; the significant disparities in food insecurity and diet-related illness experienced by communities of color; and emerging ideas for how to establish a more equitable food system.
Equivalent Course(s): SSAD 40550

SSAD 25005. Inequality at Work: The Changing Nature of Jobs and Prospects for Improvement. 100 Units.
This course will consider sources of inequality in the labor market and in workplaces. Empirical evidence and theory on labor markets and job conditions will be analyzed to provide insights into the changing nature of work and workplace inequality for the majority of Americans – who do not hold a four-year college degree. Although the course will consider ways to ready workers for good jobs in the economy, the emphasis will be on improving jobs themselves, through voluntary employer behavior, collective action, and public policy. The assignment for the course involves observing and/or interviewing workers in an occupation chosen by the student.
Instructor(s): Susan Lambert Terms Offered: TBD
Equivalent Course(s): PBPL 25005, LLSO 25005

SSAD 25630. Poverty, Work, and Family Policy. 100 Units.
This course examines contemporary policy questions regarding the dual spheres of work and family life, with a particular focus on economically impoverished families and communities. Students will analyze the relative merits of different policies designed to improve the conditions of work and family life and mitigate the effects of poverty on children's wellbeing. Throughout the ten-week quarter, we will consider demographic, labor market, and policy trends contributing to family poverty and income inequality in American society; interrogate policy debates concerning the responsibility of government, corporate, and informal sectors to address these critical social problems; and examine specific policy and program responses directed at (1) improving employment and economic outcomes and (2) reconciling the competing demands of employment and parenting. Although our primary focus will be on policies that promote the wellbeing of low-income families in the United States, relevant comparisons will be made cross-nationally, across race/ethnicity, and across income. This course is part of the Inequality, Social Problems, and Change minor.
Equivalent Course(s): CRES 25630, LLSO 25630

MAPS 31507. Gig Work & Emotional Labor in Services. 100 Units.
In this course, we will understand work organization and labor practices in the informal as well as the gig (or the platform) economy. We would particularly examine issues of labor recruitment and control in the informal and the gig economy using the lens of gender, race, social class and other identities. The course is open to undergraduates and graduate students, and would be of particular use for students planning to write a senior honors thesis or a master’s thesis proposal or a dissertation research proposal. This course also serves as one of the approved electives for the Inequality, Social Problems and Change minor in the College, and for students in SSA’s master program of study on Addressing Inequality: Innovations in Policy Practice.
Instructor(s): Amit Anshumali Terms Offered: Autumn Winter
Equivalent Course(s): GSNE 21507, GSNE 31507, SOCI 30327

Law and Social Justice Courses

SSAD 25003. Immigration, Law and Society. 100 Units.
Law is everywhere within the social world. It shapes our everyday lives in countless ways by permitting, prohibiting, protecting and prosecuting native-born citizens and immigrants alike. This course reviews the major theoretical perspectives and sociological research on the relationship between law and society, with an empirical
focus on immigrants in the United States, primarily from Mexico and Central America. To begin, we explore the permutation of law in everyday life, legal consciousness, and gap between "law on the books" and "law on the ground." The topic of immigration is introduced with readings on the socio-legal construction of immigration status, theories of international migration, and U.S. immigration law at the national and subnational levels. We continue to study the social impact of law on immigrants through the topics of liminal legality; children, families, and romantic partnerships; policing, profiling, and raids; detention and deportation; and immigrants' rights. This course adopts a "law in action" approach centered on the social, political, and cultural contexts of law as it relates to immigration and social change. It is designed to expose you to how social scientists study and think about law, and to give you the analytical skills to examine law, immigration, and social change relationally.

Terms Offered: TBD
Equivalent Course(s): SSAD 25003, LACS 25003, PBPL 25003, SOCI 28079, HMRT 25003

SSAD 25004. Punishment and Social Theory. 100 Units.
How is the power to punish derived? How has the role of punishment been conceived? What do the practices of punishment produce? What do they tell us about ourselves? Are there alternatives? Taking up these questions, the course outlines major theories of punishment advanced by political philosophers, penologists and scholars who study the role of punishment in society, tracing the trajectory of our modern impulse to punish "wrong doers." We will interrogate the shifting terrain of crime control policy and attend to the ways that prison reformers, scholars, and activists have sought to bring about change. We examine the political economy, culture, and consequences of punishment through readings on the carceral state and conclude by raising new questions about punishment and its alternatives in the age of mass incarceration.

Terms Offered: TBD
Equivalent Course(s): PBPL 25004, HMRT 25004

SSAD 27452. Smart Decarceration: A Grand Challenge for Social Work. 100 Units.
The United States has the highest rate of incarceration in the world, and inequities in the use of incarceration yield a high burden on people of color, people in poverty, and people with behavioral health conditions. Evidence indicates that mass incarceration has reached a tipping point, and that the U.S. is entering an era of decarceration. The grand challenge of this new era will be to move away from incarceration-based thinking and toward an array of proactive policy, practice, and research innovations that will not only substantially reduce the incarcerated population, but also ameliorate social disparities and maximize public safety and well-being. This course, which is connected to the 'Promote Smart Decarceration' Grand Challenge for Social Work, will provide opportunities for students to: 1) Explore the political, social, and empirical context for decarceration; 2) Examine emerging decarceration policies and practices; 3) Develop interventions at multiple levels to achieve smart decarceration outcomes.

Equivalent Course(s): SSAD 47452

PBPL 23300. Justice, Equity, and Opportunity: Shifting Approaches to Criminal Justice Reform. 100 Units.
The events revolving the death of George Floyd have proliferated the discourse about the criminal justice system in the United States, including the role of police and incarceration. Historically, this public discourse has been dominated mostly by media and political advocacy, with the balance of evidence-based policy solutions and political acumen receiving relatively short shrift. In this practicum, students will be trained to approach these issues from the perspective of a senior criminal justice policymaker in government who has practiced multiple theories of change, from community organizing to litigation. In turn, we will develop criminal justice policy intelligence and knowledge on the history, core themes, debates, and concepts, such as the movement to defund the police, abolish the cash bail system, and decriminalize drugs. The discussions will allow students to interrogate the extent to which efforts have been successful, imagine new strategies in the future, and learn from additional visiting guests, including politicians, community organizers, academics, artists, and formerly incarcerated individuals. We will exit with a sophisticated understanding of the skills and tools necessary to handle criminal justice policy problems raising complex legal, political and social questions.

Instructor(s): Rallins, Quinn Terms Offered: Winter
Note(s): In addition to a seminar component examining criminal justice policy, students engage in a hands-on policy project involving identifying and defining key criminal issues, conducting primary and secondary research, analyzing research findings and making policy recommendations to a client in the criminal justice policy arena.

PBPL 25860. Crime, Justice, and Inequality in the American City. 100 Units.
This course explores perspectives on street gangs and criminal activity: policing and the criminal justice system; and obstacles to securing housing, employment, and services for reentry after incarceration. Students will examine advances in the social science of adolescence and innovations in government policy and community-based programs aimed at encouraging public safety and youth development, improving policing and prisons, and promoting criminal deistance and decarceration. In addition, we will delve into the lived experience of adolescence and beyond in the context of racially-segregated, high-poverty neighborhoods, with a focus on Chicago. Our approaches will include discussion and lecture; ethnographic, autobiographical, and policy-oriented readings; panels and guest speakers; and documentary films and other media.

Instructor(s): Broughton, C. Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): SOCI 20255
PBPL 28501. Process and Policy in State and City Government. 100 Units.
This course consists of three interrelated sub-sections: (1) process and policy in city and state government; (2) the role played by influential, key officials in determining policy outcomes; and (3) policymaking during and after a political crisis. Issues covered include isolating the core principles driving policy at city and state levels; understanding how high level elected officials can shape the course of policy; and determining how a political crisis affects policy processes and outcomes. Most of the specific cases are drawn from Chicago and the State of Illinois.
Instructor(s): C. Harris III Terms Offered: TBD
Equivalent Course(s): CHST 28501

Health and Mental Health Courses

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Terms Offered: Winter
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Equivalent Course(s): CHST 28501