

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CULTURAL STUDIES: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (BA)

Program Description

Aspiring to cultivate students with global and intercultural competency, this major offers effective strategies to understand and change the world. In this major, students will study culture, media, and power in order to analyze social formations such as gender, race, class, sexuality, and citizenship. We work to investigate the root causes of injustice and to imagine multiple forms of social change. Our approach is informed by Christian theologies of liberation, and our cultural studies toolbox includes intersectionality, social psychology, historical analysis, antiracism, and literary criticism. This major provides a gateway to a variety of vocations, including education, human rights law, immigration, social work, public policy, NGOs, environmental policy and practices, mediation and community organizing, and the creative arts (documentary film, graphic design, creative writing, etc.).

The Social Justice and Cultural Studies major provides at least six foundational courses in cultural studies; it also partners with departments across campus to provide five distinct vocational tracks for students to choose from, depending on where and how students aspire to create social change: Advanced Cultural Studies; Art for Social Change; Environmental Justice; Pre-Law, Human Rights & Policy; and Social Advocacy & Community Work.

SJCS Major: Environmental Justice Track

This track provides a strong foundation for students interested in environmental law, environmental non-profits, or future ecological research. It offers training in environmental data, statistics, research, and graph analysis that can help assess the impact of policy on people groups, climate change, land management, water supply, and locational risks. Electives in environmental science or policy are recommended for this track. You are also encouraged to complete an internship in environmental studies as part of your vocational exploration.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completing the Social Justice and Cultural Studies major, students should be able to

1. Articulate an understanding of the dynamics of power, history, and representation that form culture and produce patterns of inequality
2. Demonstrate an awareness of how culture informs social, communal, and personal identities and relationships
3. Develop an understanding of the links between cultural ideologies, social institutions, activism, and everyday practices
4. Address issues of inequity with aesthetic presentations and/or develop skills to implement policies and practices of social justice
5. Ask complex questions about gender, race, class, faith, and power

Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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65 Credits Minimum, Including 25 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
SJC 1000	Introduction to Justice, Equity, and Cultural Studies	5
SJC 3331	Race Riots Uprisings ³	5
or SJC 3381	Middle East: Film and Story	
or SJC 3384	US Imperialism in Asia Pacific Islands	
SJC 4899	Race, Representation, and Law	5
Section Credits Required		15
Cultural Studies		
ART 3606	Cross-Cultural Encounters	
ART 3608	Issues in Contemporary Art and Visual Culture	
ENG 2234	Literature by Women	
ENG 3325	Film and Story	
FCS 3875	Appearance and Culture	
FRE 3205	Topics in Francophone Literature	
MUS 2402/4402	History and Appreciation of Jazz	
SJC 2248	International Fiction	
SJC 3004	Literature, Gender, and Sexuality	
SJC 3332	African American Literature	
SJC 3334	United States Multi-Ethnic Literature	
SJC 3339	United States Latinx Literature	
SJC 3380	African Literature	
SJC 3382	South Africa: Stages of Protest and Democracy	
SJC 3383	Arab Spring: Gender, Islam, Democracy	

SPN 4501	Topics in Latin American Literature	
Section Credits Required		10
Systems and Histories		
BIO 1104	Environmental Science	
BIO 1106	Ecological Fundamentals	
BIO 3000	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	
BIO 3835	Theological Ecology	
BIO 3898	Women in Science	
BIO 4615	Bioethics	
BUS 2000	Purpose and Practice of Business	
ECN 3500	Environmental Economics	
ECN 3811	Microeconomics of Development: Community Development	
ECN 3812	Macroeconomics of Development: International Economic Growth	
EDSP 3107	Exceptionality in the Classroom	
FLM 2002	Movies and Cultural Politics in the 1960s: Film History II	
HIS 3720	Rise of Islamic Civilization	
HIS 3725	Women and Gender in the Middle East	
HIS 3730	History of the Modern Middle East	
HIS 3765	Family, State and Patriarchy in East Asia	
HIS 3785	Trade, War, and The Making of East Asian Modernities	
HIS 3790	History of Africa	
HIS 3950	Special Topics in Historical Study	
HIS 4600	Pacific Northwest Senior Tutorial	
INF 2000	Information and Attention	
JRN 2255	The Public and the Media	
POL 2330	International Relations	
SJC 3510	Theology, Culture, and Society	
or THEO 351	Theology, Culture, and Society	
SOC 3215	Social Inequality: Power and Privilege	
SOC 3750	Latin America	
SOC 3862	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 4210	Gender in the Global Context	
THEO 3331	Women in Christianity	
THEO 3540	Creation Care	
WST 2350	Introduction to Women's Studies	
Section Credits Required		10
Statistics for Environmental Studies		
SOC 2360	Introduction to Statistics in Social and Behavioral Sciences	
or MAT 2360	Introduction to Statistics for the Sciences	
Environmental Studies Electives		
BIO 1105	Marine Restoration Ecology	
BIO 1121	Coral Reef Ecology	
BIO 2103	General Biology	
BIO 3302	Coral Reef Ecology	
BIO 3303	Evolutionary Ecology in the Galapagos Islands	
BIO 3304	Oceanography of the Galapagos Archipelago	
BIO 3310	Ecology	
BIO 4435	Biodiversity: Parasites and Pests	

BIO 4825	Forest Ecology	
BIO 4835	Conservation Biology	
CHM 2410	Environmental Chemistry and Sustainability	
ECN 3500	Environmental Economics	
PHY 3011	Global Climate Change: Scientific, Social and Moral Implications	
Section Credits Required		15
Additional Requirements		
Advisor approved electives		9
Experiential Learning		
GS 3001	Internship and Job Search Strategies	1
SJC 4960	Designing Justice: Vocational Tracks	2
Select one of the following: ¹		
BUS 3680	Social Enterprise	3
or BUS 3682	Social Venture Planning	
or SJC 4930	Social Justice Practicum	
or SJC 4940	Internship	
Total Credits		65

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3 add'l credits of SJC 4960 may apply

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BIO 1104, 1106, 3615, 3835, 3898 can be used in Systems and Histories or Electives.

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If not used in Core, SJC 3381 and SJC 3384 may be used in Cultural Studies.