

Minor in Social Justice and Social Welfare

About This Program

The Minor in Social Justice and Social Welfare provides students with a broad overview of social justice perspectives on issues relevant to the social welfare system, its relationship to the market economy, and the historical, political, and cultural factors that shape it. Through coursework, students learn the analytic and practical skills needed to develop, evaluate, and transform social welfare and justice policies. Students gain competency in the core issues of human needs and social development, relevant to many careers.

The minor also enhances students' preparation for graduate study in social work, law, education, health care, public policy analysis, nonprofit management, social service administration, student affairs, conflict resolution, and others. Students in a variety of major often want to pursue careers that improve the quality of life of others. Understanding of the social welfare system and social justice issues is essential as a foundation for such careers.

Please note:

- Social work majors are not eligible to earn the SJSW minor.
- The SJSW minor does not provide the specific skills needed for actual social work practice or for social work licensing.
- Students who complete the minor and decide to pursue a master's degree in social work at UTA will not be allowed to count courses taken in the minor toward the master's degree.

Competencies

1. Upon completion, students will understand the need for and strategies toward advancing human rights and social, racial, economic, and environmental justice.
2. Upon completion, students will know strategies for supporting anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion (ADEI).

Admissions Criteria

To select this minor, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and complete the [SJSW Declaration Form](https://sjswminordeclarationform.questionpro.com/). (<https://sjswminordeclarationform.questionpro.com/>) Students will also be required to complete a pre- and post-assessment of learning outcomes.

Curriculum

Introductory Course

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| SOCW 3303 | SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND SERVICES | 3 |
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Core Courses

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| SOCW 3301 | THEORIES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR | 3 |
| SOCW 3307 | DIVERSE POPULATIONS | 3 |

Electives

Select three of the following: 9

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| SOCW 3312 | DISABILITY & SOCIAL WORK |
| SOCW 3314 | THE LATINA EXPERIENCE |
| SOCW 3320 | U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY AND THE AMERICAN DREAM |
| SOCW 4314 | INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE |
| SOCW 4366 | SEMINAR IN WOMEN'S ISSUES |
| SOCW 4335 | AGING IN AMERICAN SOCIETY |

Total Hours 18

1. Students are required to earn a C or better in all SJSW minor courses to earn the minor.
2. Additionally, students will have a final assessment at the end of their coursework to assess their learning outcomes (this allows for data gathering for Unit Effectiveness Process [UEP] requirements).

Advising Resources

Please read all student emails carefully and review the frequently asked questions. These resources are intended to provide help when you need it. If you want to meet with your advisor, please sign up for an appointment as early in the semester as possible.

Location:

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Advising FAQ (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/programs/advising/advising-faqs/>)