Social Justice, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan.


Before the seventh semester begins: two social justice movement courses; two courses in human rights, diversity, activism; and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: 9 s.h. in the emphasis area and plan a capstone option with advisor.

During the eighth semester: capstone requirement, all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course Title Hours
Academic Career
Any Semester

GE CLAS Core: Sustainability

Hours 0

First Year

Fall

RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
SIUS:1001 Introduction to Social Justice 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab 4
CSL:1600 Success at Iowa 2
Elective course 3

Hours 15-16

Spring

ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4
SIUS:2000 Theories of Social Justice 3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning 3
Elective course 3

Hours 15-16

Second Year

Fall

SIUS:2250 The History of Social Justice Movements 3
SIUS:3138 Writing to Change the World 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture 3

Hours 15

Fourth Year

Fall

SJUS:3400 Advocacy and Engagement Colloquium 3
Major: core course in human rights, diversity, activism 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3

Hours 15

Spring

SJUS:4080 Advocacy and Engagement Capstone 3
Major: emphasis area course (3000 level or above) 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours 15

Total Hours 124-130

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.

b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
c. GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

d. Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

e. Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

f. A course used to satisfy the core requirement cannot be taken to satisfy an emphasis area requirement.

g. Typically this course is offered in fall semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.

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i. Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.