



About the Minor:

The Human Rights Minor provides students with an interdisciplinary curriculum that engages them in contemporary social problems, international relations or environmental crises. Upon successful completion of the Human Rights Minor, students will develop a deeper understanding of the Human Rights Minor, students will develop a deeper understanding of the impact of social contemporary world events and the impact of education on society.

Courses Needed to Obtain Minor in Human Rights

- JS 25: Intro to Human Rights & Justice
- JS 171: Human Rights & Justice (SJSU Studies Area V) or SOCI 118: Sociology of Human Rights & Social Justice
- 2 Electives from over 50 classes (<http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html>)
- JS 179: Human Rights Practicum & Seminar

Steps to Complete the Minor

1. Declare the Minor: Submit "Request for Addition/Change of Major/Minor" form (on SJSU Registrar's website) with any required documents to a department advisor.
2. Take the Classes: Choose courses as specified by the "Human Rights Minor Form" (on Dept. website) and log course completions on form.
3. Apply for Graduation: When applying for graduation, submit a completed "Justice Studies Minor Form" to a department advisor.

Human Rights Program:

In order to graduate with Human Rights Minor, students are required to complete 15 units, comprised of one required course and five elective courses selected from five disciplinary areas: Perspectives in Law; Contemporary Issues in Law and Justice; Legal History; Law and Ethics; Law and Courts. In order to ensure a broad and interdisciplinary education, students must take one course from a separate department for each of the five areas.

Examples of Careers Related to Human Rights Minors

- Law
- International Relations
- Public Policy
- Social justice advocacy/reporting/organization or diplomacy

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About the Department

Justice Studies is an interdisciplinary area of inquiry that focuses on interrelated criminal and social justice concepts from the lens of humanities, law, and behavioral, social, and natural sciences.

The Department offers 2 MS degree programs, 2 “justice studies” majors, 3 “forensic science” majors, 4 minors, and a certificate in Collaborative Response for Victims of Family Violence.

The Department of Justice Studies at San José State University organizes its curricula around 5 academic pillars:

- Criminal Justice Studies
- Criminology
- Forensic Science
- Legal Studies
- Human Rights

Our Mission

The Department of Justice Studies embraces an interdisciplinary approach to engage students in critical analysis of justice systems in practice, policy, and research. We equip students to be leaders, professionals, and agents of change in justice-related institutions and in diverse local and global communities.

Our Values

Our foremost desire is to foster just societies. We value intellectual curiosity, lifelong learning, honesty, fairness, and ethical consideration of our actions. We embrace diversity, inclusion, civility, and sustainable practices as foundations for strong communities. We commit ourselves to promoting global understanding and respect for cultural differences. We honor our relationships with students, colleagues, alumni, and community partners who work with us to achieve our mission.

Affiliated Student Organizations

- Alpha Phi Sigma Iota, Chapter
- Chi Pi Sigma Fraternity
- Justice Studies Task Force
- Forensic Science Students Club (FSS)
- Students for Firearms Safety

Courses in GE or SJSU Studies

- Area B4: JS 15
- Area D3: JS 25
- Area S: JS 132, JS 136
- Area V: JS171
- Area Z: JS 100W

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- facebook.com/sjsuHumanRightsProgram
- Twitter: @SJSUJustice @SJSUHumanRights
- Instagram: @sjsu.justicestudies

SJSU Web Links

Minor Website: <http://www.sjsu.edu/justicestudies/degrees/minors/human-rights-minor/>

SJSU Catalog: <http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html>

Schedule of Classes: <http://info.sjsu.edu/home/schedules.html>

Counseling and Psychological Services: <http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling/>

Accessible Education Center: <http://www.sjsu.edu/aec/>

Aid and Scholarship: <http://www.sjsu.edu/faso>

Writing Skills Test: <https://testing.sjsu.edu/>

Housing: <http://housing.sjsu.edu/>

Applying to SJSU: <http://www.csumentor.edu/>

Request Information about SJSU: <http://info.sjsu.edu/home/info.html>

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