

Social Justice and Peace Studies

Social Justice and Peace Studies (SJPS) is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with a systemic analysis of the patterns and processes that create and sustain oppression and inequality, often the roots of violence and war. The program is premised upon the belief that lasting peace presupposes the pursuit of social justice.

The Social Justice and Peace Studies program encourages critical reflection on structural injustices locally and globally and calls for progressive social transformation in the interests of equity and the pursuit of peace.

This innovative cross-disciplinary program offers one of four core courses in social justice and peace in each of the four years leading to a degree. These core courses are combined with existing courses drawn from a variety of disciplines such as sociology, politics, economics, history, social work, religious studies, and others.

We believe that Social Justice and Peace graduates will be better equipped to take an active part in civil society as responsible, informed, and concerned citizens and they will be prepared to contribute to the common good, the survival of the planet and the pursuit of peace.

Although the program reflects King's mission as a Catholic College, the program addresses students of all religious and political persuasions in a spirit of open and free dialogue.

Possible Career Opportunities

- Education
- Journalism
- Politics
- Ministry / Clergy
- International Development
- Civil / Public / Foreign Service
- Law (International, Health, Labour, Human Rights, etc.)
- Advocacy Work (Environmental, Human Rights, Minority Groups, etc.)
- Conflict Resolution
- Social Work / Social Services

We believe that this program will be attractive to students who:

- √ Are interested in expanding their awareness of social justice issues (both local and global) and in developing their understanding of the interlocking nature of poverty, violence, racism, sexism, colonization, disability, religious persecution, environmental degradation and other forms of oppression;
- √ Wish to develop critical and analytical skills to live and work responsibly in a globally integrated world;
- √ Want to act as incisive critics of the social and political realities of the world and wish to become agents of progressive social transformation;
- √ Wish to work with the Centre for Social Concern in their efforts to provide information forums for social justice education and/or work with the Social Justice Club in their actions towards social justice and peace.

Work/Study Locally and Internationally! Through the SJPS Program you can also participate in an optional overseas cross-cultural service placement in countries such as: Belize, Ecuador, Ukraine, Peru, Ghana, India, and more. There is also a mandatory service component in second year that engages students in local issues of Social Justice and Peace.

**The Social Justice and Peace Studies (SJPS) program offers a range of modules:
Honours Specialization in SJPS, Specialization in SJPS, Major in SJPS, and a Minor in SJPS**

The program is also designed to make it easy to combine Social Justice and Peace Studies with a Major or Minor in Social Sciences or Arts.

First Year Program Requirements

/ Social Justice and Peace Studies 1020E

/ 1.0 course from: Childhood and Social Institutions 1020, Economics 1021A/B, 1022A/B; First Nations Studies 1020E, Geography 1100, 1400F/G, 1500F/G; History 1401E, 1403E, 1801E; MOS 1020A/B; MIT 1200A/B, 1700A/B; Philosophy 1300E, 1305F/G; Political Science 1020E; Psychology 1000; Religious Studies 1022A/B, 1023E, 1027E; Social Work 1020; Sociology 1020, 1021E; or Women's Studies 1020E

/ 3 elective courses

KING'S at Western

King's is a Catholic, co-educational, liberal arts university college, affiliated with The University of Western Ontario. Our students enjoy "The Best of Both Worlds" - they have access to the programs and facilities of a large, prestigious university and they belong to a college community where classes are small and individual attention is a priority.

King's is committed to academic excellence and to the importance of a liberal arts education. We believe that in serving the needs of the individual, our college creates an atmosphere which encourages both scholastic achievement and personal growth. Our highly qualified faculty members put a strong emphasis on teaching and are readily available to their students on an individual basis. The students, who come from all faiths and backgrounds, are very involved in all aspects of our college. King's graduates, with their degrees from The University of Western Ontario, are successful in a wide range of careers.

King's is an academic community made up of concerned and caring individuals. Our philosophy places emphasis on our responsibilities as concerned members of society. King's graduates are not only successful professionals, but also informed and committed citizens.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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To explore the Social Justice and Peace Studies website, please visit: www.kings.uwo.ca/sjps