Social Justice Concentration

Requirements

Course Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 15 credits from the following courses:

Elective courses:

- Advanced Criminal Procedure
- Artificial Intelligence, Bias, and the Law
- Children and the Law
- Civil Rights Liability Litigation
- Criminal Procedure: Investigation
- Critical Race Theory
- Domestic Violence Seminar
- Economic Justice Seminar
- Employment Discrimination
- Gender, Justice, and the Law (new course being developed)
- Indigenous and Aboriginal Law (new course being developed)
- Immigration Law
- International Child Rights
- International Human Rights Law
- Issues in Law and Society: The New Jim Crow
- Poverty Law
- Race, Rape Culture and the Law (Cross-registration at UAlbany)
- Race and Criminal Justice (new course to be developed)
- Race and Civil Rights (new course to be developed)
- Tax Policy and Social Justice
- Technology, Science, and Race (new course to be developed)
- US Refugee and Asylum Law

Experiential Requirement

Students must take at least one (1) clinical course or field placement with a significant focus on social justice.

Writing Requirement

Students are required to complete one significant piece of writing in on a topic of social justice. The writing requirement does not require that students earn any credits beyond the required and elective credits described above. The topic and the arrangement for fulfilling the writing requirement, however, must be approved in advance by the Concentration Advisor. The paper could be written to fulfill the requirements of a course, an independent study, or a law journal note and comment. It may also be possible to fulfill this requirement by completing a substantial piece of writing in conjunction with an experiential course, clinic, or Field Placement, such as a brief, a series of Motions, or a significant legal memorandum. It could also be fulfilled by writing a paper independently, such as a submission to a writing competition or an article for publication. In all of these arrangements, the prior approval of the Concentration Advisor is required.