GREAT CHALLENGES CURRICULUM

The Great Challenges Curriculum at Sacred Heart University offers students the opportunity to study a pressing challenge for present and future society through an inter-disciplinary minor in the liberal arts. In studying a Great Challenge minor, students will gain a broad and detailed understanding of the causes, complexities, and potential solutions to the world’s great challenges. In each Great Challenges curriculum, knowledge is applied to real world issues through a practicum. The practicum will be fulfilled through research, internships, independent studies and other applied learning experiences approved by the program director. In fulfilling the requirements of a Great Challenges minor, students will also substantially fulfill their requirements of the Elective Core.

Great Challenge Minor Requirements

Students seeking the Great Challenges minor must complete the following:

- A foundational course (3 credits) that provides the conceptual framework for the minor.
- Four additional courses (minimum 12 credits) selected from an approved course list for the minor.
- A practicum course (3 credits) in the form of an independent study or internship that entails applied learning and/or research on a topic relevant to the minor.
- At least one course (may be a foundational, practicum, or other course) in at least three of the following areas: humanities; social and behavioral sciences; natural and physical sciences; philosophy and religious studies.

Minor In Civic Engagement, Civil Society, And The Common Good

STEPHEN LILLEY, PH.D.
Program Director

The development and survival of democratic and civil societies across the globe depends upon citizens who understand the importance of common aspirations, the history of such aspirations, and the ramifications of fractured and divisive societies. The Minor in Civic Engagement, Civil Society, and the Common Good provides students the knowledge and skills they need to act as responsible and imaginative leaders in a dynamic world so that they may better promote community, just governance, and international cooperation.

APPROVED COURSES

The following courses have been preapproved. Other electives or special topics offerings may be substituted with the approval of the program director.

* Indicates Foundational Core Courses

**Humanities**

- FYXX 125 with appropriate CCC theme
- CM 224 Democratic Technologies
- CM 254 Media and Democracy
- HI 224 Freedom in American History
- HI 287 The Holocaust
- ENXX Protest Literature (To Be Developed)

**Practicum**
Social and Behavioral Science
FYXX 125 with appropriate CCC theme
PO 242 International Organizations
*PO 300 Foundations of Political Thought
PS 224/PO 319 Political Psychology
*SO 224 Social Capital and Civil Society
SO 239 Diversity and Oppression in Contemporary Society
SO 259 Social Movements
Practicum

Natural Science/Mathematics
FYXX 125 with appropriate CCC theme
BI 020 Heredity and Society
BI 052 Environment and Sustainability
CS 319 Computer Ethics: Society and Technology
MA 199 The Power of Decision Making - Voting and Game Theory
Practicum

Religious Studies/Philosophy
FYXX 125 with appropriate CCC theme
*PH 255 Political Philosophy
PH 322 American Philosophy and Culture
RS 257 Contemporary Moral Issues
RS 262 Human Rights
RS 299 Virtue Ethics
Practicum

Minor in Ecology and the Global Community
KIRK BARTHOLOMEW, PH.D.
Program Director
The multi-disciplinary minor in Ecology and the Global Community offers students an opportunity to understand the ecological problems we face in depth while also preparing students to work towards viable solutions. The academic Minor in Ecology and the Global Community also prepares students for exciting and rewarding careers and graduate studies by providing the knowledge and skills they need to engage in “rational and honest planning” to work toward finding solutions to our ecological challenges.

APPROVED COURSES
The following courses have been preapproved. Other electives or special topics offerings may be substituted with the approval of the program director. * Indicates Foundational Courses

Humanities
ENG 354 Studies in Writing: Nature Writing
Practicum

Social and Behavioral Science
FYXX 125 with appropriate environmental theme
PO 242 International Organizations
PO 285 Future Politics
SO 254 Society and Economic Change
SO 257 Technology, Culture, and Society
*SO 258 Society and the Environment
Practicum
Natural Science/Mathematics
FYXX 125 with appropriate environmental theme
*BI 052 Environment and Sustainability
*BI 265 Conservation Biology
*BI 202/204 Populations to Ecosystems/Laboratory
*BI 350 Ecology
CH 361 Environmental Chemistry
CH 365 Environmental Sampling and Analysis
PY 045 Physical Geology
Practicum

Religious Studies/Philosophy
FYXX 125 with appropriate environmental theme
*PH 299 Environmental Ethics
PH/BI 3XX Environmental Problem Solving
ESM 5XX
PH 380 Philosophy of Wilderness
*RS 2XX Religion, Environmentalism, and Social Justice
Practicum

Minor in Equality, Wealth and Philanthropy
BRIAN STILTNER, PH.D.
Program Director

The Equality, Wealth and Philanthropy program will prepare students to become leaders in philanthropy and social change as these might be expressed in any number of career fields, including public health, public policy, education, business, and work in religious and other nonprofit institutions. The minor can also be part of a strong foundation for graduate studies in such fields as philanthropy, ethics, and public policy. Internships will be an integral part of the

Equality, Wealth and Philanthropy program, enhancing the professional preparation of our students. * Indicates Foundational Courses.

APPROVED COURSES
The following courses have been preapproved. Other electives or special topics offerings may be substituted with the approval of the program director.

Humanities
ENG 231 American Voices 1
ENG 232 American Voices 2
ENG 341 Studies in Black Writers in America
HI 202 Europe and the World
HI 207 History of Latin American to 1826
HI 208 History of Latin America since 1826
HI 209 The U.S. and Latin America through History
HI 212 Twentieth-Century Latin America
HI 216 Princes to Peasants
HI 223 United States History since 1865
HI 224 Freedom in American History
HI 285 China in Revolution
HI 325 African-American History
HI 328 The Immigrant Experience
HI 377 The Great Depression and New Deal
*HIXX Philanthropy in American History (To Be Developed)
Practicum

Social and Behavioral Science
FYSO 125 The Structure of Social Injustice
EC 101 Introduction to Economics
EC 202 Principles of Microeconomics
EC 203 Principles of Macroeconomics
EC 211 Economics of Social Issues
SO 201  Poverty and Inequality in the United States
SO 239  Diversity and Oppression in Contemporary Society
SO 254  Sociology and Economic Change
PO 299  American Education Policy
PO 308  Theories of Political Economy
PO 322  American Public Policy
*POXX  Philanthropy and Public Policy (To Be Developed)
SW 265  Social Welfare as a Social Institution (does not count in the elective core)
SW 265  Social Welfare Policy and Services (does not count in the elective core)

Practicum

Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies
PH 255  Political Philosophy
RS 262  Human Rights
Practicum