What exactly are the social justice problems associated with income inequalities? And why should you care? Explore such issues in depth and learn how to apply this knowledge to develop fair and just socioeconomic policies and practices that can make our world better.

**Program Description**

**Degree Awarded: Certificate Socio-Economic Justice (certificate)**

The graduate certificate in socioeconomic justice addresses the social and political implications of global and local economies for economic inequality and social justice. This transdisciplinary program fuses interests in political economy, socioeconomic inequality and analysis of related policies and their consequences for social welfare in areas of income, housing, employment and education.

This program complements the current graduate curriculum at ASU and is structured to allow students to draw upon a combination of core courses in justice and social inquiry and coursework from units from throughout the university. The approach is transdisciplinary (i.e., inclusive of courses in a variety of disciplines but transcending disciplinary boundaries through an integrative core curriculum), intersectional (i.e., considering gender, race, class, nation and sexual relations) and transnational (courses that examine global and local concerns). It strengthens student understanding of the justice implications of the convergence of social and economic inequalities in the global economy.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#) or [Online](#)
Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

Required Core (6 credit hours)
Students must select one course from each of the following two areas of study:

1. Economic Justice (3 credit hours)
   JUS 550 Gender, Race and Economic Justice (3) or
   JUS 660 Globalization and Economic Justice (3)
2. Conducting Research in Communities (3 credit hours)
   JHR 525 Action Research in Social Justice and Human Rights (3) or
   JUS 633 Community Research (3)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students must select three elective courses on socioeconomic justice from a restricted list, and they should see the academic unit for the full list of possible courses.

Only one 400-level course may be listed on the plan of study. Students must have prior approval from the director of the certificate program for use of any 400-level course.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. at least one letter of recommendation
4. statement of purpose for pursuing the certificate
5. writing sample demonstrating excellent writing and analytical skills
6. proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

The letter of recommendation, statement of purpose and writing sample should be submitted to the justice and social inquiry program office.

Application Deadlines

Fall

Spring

Program Learning Outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Conduct systematic analyses (quantitative and qualitative) of the social and political dimensions of global and/or local economics and their implications for social justice.
- Demonstrate knowledge of socio-economic and intersectional dimensions of justice, in relation to public policies at the local, national and global level.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program are prepared to work in justice-related organizations, work in community colleges, pursue graduate programs and research in the justice field.

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