Minor in Anthropology with Social Action Focus

Students interested in the ways in which anthropological approaches to inequality, diversity, and social justice can inform policymaking, the provision of social services, international aid, and advocacy may wish to consider tailoring their minor in Anthropology to focus on social action. Here we outline the social action focus by suggesting a program of courses centered on linguistic and cultural anthropology that interrogate power, inequality, poverty, and social movements in varying sociocultural and historical settings. These suggestions are designed for students with an interest in social justice, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, international development, human rights, and social services, advocacy, and policy.

All three of these core courses in cultural and linguistic anthropology (9 credits):

- ANTH 021: Cultural Anthropology (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 028: Linguistic Anthropology (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 178: Sociolinguistics (3.00 credits)

Three elective courses related to approaches to social activism and social justice in linguistic anthropology and cultural anthropology (12 credits), including the following:

- ANTH 023: Anthropology of Global Development (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 123: Anthropology of Crisis (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 157: Doing Anthropology (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 169: Latinos in the US
- ANTH 172: Gender, Sex, and Culture (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 175: Topics in Linguistic Anthropology (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 184: Street Children (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 185: Food and Culture (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 187: Race and Ethnicity (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 220: Development and Applied Anthropology (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 225: Anthropological Theory (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 272: Language, Gender, and Sexuality (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 284: Linguistic Anthropology Methods (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 290: Ethnographic Research Methods (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 296: Human Evolution and Diversity (3.00 credits)
- ANTH 296: Ethnography of the War on Terror (3.00 credits)

Additional notes on the minor: Students interested in completing the Minor in Anthropology with a focus on Social Action are encouraged to consult their faculty advisor early in their program. Students with the focus will fulfill all requirements of the Anthropology major but choose the courses that they take to primarily focus on topics related to social justice and advocacy.