

# Cover Sheet: Request 15651

## Proposal for Environmental Justice and Policy Minor

### Info

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### Actions

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## Responses

### Existing Degree Program Name

*Enter the name of the Degree Program.*

Response:  
Sociology

### CIP Code

*Enter the six digit Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code for the existing degree program. The code has the numerical format XX.XXXX. Contact the [Office of Institutional Planning and Research \(OIPR\)](#) to verify the CIP code for the existing degree program.*

Response:  
45.1101

### Existing Minor(s)

*Enter the complete name of each minor that is currently offered under the same degree program.*

Response:  
Sociology (both UFO and residential)

### Proposed Minor Name

*Enter the name of the proposed minor. Example: Mathematical Modeling.*

Response:  
Environmental Justice and Policy

### Proposed Transcript Title (Maximum 50 characters)

*Enter the transcript title of the proposed minor (50 character maximum, including spaces).*

Response:  
Environmental Justice and Policy

## Code

*Enter the proposed two or three letter specialization code that would uniquely identify the minor in the student information system.*

Response:  
EJP

**Credits**

*Enter the total required credit hours for the minor.*

Response:  
15

**Number of Students**

*Enter the expected number of new students enrolled in this minor in the first three years.*

Response:  
30-50

**Effective Term**

*Enter the term (semester and year) that the proposed minor would start.*

Response:  
Fall

**Effective Year**

Response:  
2021

**Percentage of Credits Available Fully Online**

*Indicate the percentage of course credits that will be available through full online courses.*

Response:  
<50%

**Percentage of Credits Available Off-Campus**

*Indicate the percentage of course credits that will be available away from the main Gainesville campus (including courses with onsite &ndash; off main campus meetings).*

Response:  
<25%

**Rationale and Place in Curriculum**

*Describe the rationale for offering this new minor and having it on the transcript and the degree of its overlap with existing minors (both in the degree program and in other degree programs at the university), and a justification for any such overlap.*

Response:

Justification:

1. Programs across UF's campus, including Sociology, offer undergraduate courses examining aspects of the natural or built environments as they intersect with social, economic, cultural and political variables. However, no existing programs focus exclusively on Environmental Justice and Policy.

o An EJP minor fills a void in the UF Undergraduate Curriculum by offering students an interdisciplinary framework for studying the various intersections encompassed by environmental inequality and justice.

o In particular, the sociological lens allows students to systematically examine inequalities of race, gender, class and other disparities as they interact to influence who has access to a safe and healthy environment, and who does not.

o Sociology offers broad theoretical perspectives and rigorous methodologies to analyze how and why environmental inequalities are produced and maintained locally, nationally and globally.

2. These theoretical and methodological tools coupled with a strong substantive knowledge base inform evidence-based policy making and prepare students for careers in a variety of job markets including academic, non-profit, and other organizational spheres.

o Common areas of interest among career-oriented undergrads include environmental conservation, environmental policy, environmental engineering, food security, public health, and global development.

3. Offering an EJP minor can play an important role in formalizing a liberal arts course sequence capable of producing a well-developed, critically reflective citizenry about environmental inequalities and how they can be redressed.

4. Environmental Justice programs and collaboratives are offered at other top public and private peer institutions including the University of Michigan, UNC-Chapel Hill, Northeastern, and the University of Colorado-Boulder.

### **Impacts on Other Programs**

*Describe any potential impact on other programs or departments, including increased need for required or elective courses outside of the existing program.*

Response:

Potential impact on other programs is minimal to non-existent:

- All required courses for the EJP minor are taught within the Sociology program.
- The EJP minor may be completed with elective coursework entirely within Sociology.
- Non-Sociology electives (up to 6 credits possible, but not required) are spread throughout approximately 20 other programs/departments, and hence enrollment pressure on any individual program or individual course should be minimal or non-existent.

The EJP minor offers an interdisciplinary framework for examining how disparities of class, race, gender, and organizational capacity interact with access to a safe and healthy environment. Sociology offers broad theoretical perspectives and rigorous methodologies to analyze how and why such inequalities are produced and maintained locally, nationally, and globally. Students pursuing an EJP minor explore the impact of environmental hazards on the health and economic opportunities of vulnerable and marginalized populations; the mechanisms by which environmental conflicts are managed at the local, state, national and global levels; the real-world implications of issues such as climate change, food security, public health and hazard exposure; the spatial dimensions of environmental inequalities and how they are experienced; the strategies and tactics of social movement organizations seeking environmental justice; and how environmental justice is addressed in public policies. The EJP minor introduces students to environmental scholars across the campus community, expanding networking and mentoring opportunities, exposing students to diverse ideas, methods, and theories in the area of environmental justice, and teaching fundamental skills and competencies for careers related to policy making and research in the environmental sphere.

### ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

- **College:** [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Credits:** 15 | Completed with minimum grades of C and no optional S-U | 9 must be at the 3000-level or above
- **Related Sociology Programs**
  - **Sociology Major**
  - **Sociology Minor**
  - **Social Justice and Policy Minor**

### REQUIREMENTS

- Students must complete a minimum of nine credits of coursework exclusive to the minor that cannot count toward their major(s) or other minors or certificates.
- Students must complete at least three courses at the 3000 level or higher and each must be at least three credits.
- A minimum of 9 credits must be from Sociology courses (i.e., courses with the prefix SY).
- Minimum 3 credits from Category A courses (listed below) focusing on Theories of Social Inequality, Difference and Power.
- Minimum 3 credits from Category B courses (listed below) focusing on Issues of Environmental Justice, Research and Policy.
- At least one course from Category A or Category B must be Sociology (SY).
- With the approval of the undergraduate coordinator for Sociology, students may petition to have other, relevant classes approved as substitutes within each category of electives within the minor. Such courses could include department *special topics* offerings with numbers like 3930 or 4930.
- No more than three credits of independent study (SY4905), research (SYA4911) or internship (SYA4941) may count toward the minor.
- All courses must be completed with minimum C grades.
- The EJP minor is not available to Sociology majors.

### REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
SYG2010	Social Problems	3
SYA4930	Environmental Change and Justice OR	3

Code	Title	Credits
SYA4930	Environmental Racism	
	Category A elective	3
	Category B elective	3
	Choose any additional SY elective from Category A or Category B <sup>1</sup>	3
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Course List

<sup>1</sup> 3 credits of SYA4905 or SYA4911 or SYA4941 may apply to this category as approved by the Sociology UGC.

#### APPROVED ELECTIVES

**Category A | Theories of Social Inequality, Difference, and Power (choose at least one 3 credit course from this category)**

Code	Title	Credits
SYD3395	Sociology of Globalization	3
SYD3700	Minorities in American Society (proposed new course name: Sociology of Race and Racism in the US)	3
SYD3410	Urban Sociology	3
SYA4930	Environmental Inequality	3
SYA4930	Environmental Racism (if not already taken as required course)	3
SYA4930	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SYA4930	Social Movements	3
SYD4510	Environment and Society	3
SYD4512	Social Institutions and Environment	3
SYD4020	Population	3
SYO4530	Social Inequality	3
SYO3534	Poverty	3

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SYO4352	Consumption, Economy & Society	3
SYP3000	Society and the Individual	3
AFS3300	Poverty and Development in Africa	3
AEB3450	Introduction to Natural Resource and Environmental Economics	3
AMH2631	History of Sustainability	3
AMH3630	American Environmental History	3
ANT2402	Anthropology of Sustainability	3
AFS4340	Community Conservation and Rural Development in Africa	3
EVR2001	Introduction to Environmental Science	3
FYC3521	Community Food Systems	3
GLY2038	Sustainability and the Changing Earth	3
INR4035	Rich and Poor Nations in the International System	3
POT3503	Environmental Ethics and Politics	3
REL2071	Sustainability and Religion	3
REL2104	Environmental Ethics	3
REL3082	Global Ethics	3
REL3169	Religion and Environmental Movements of the Global South	3
REL2166	Religion and the Environmental Crisis	3
REL3103	Religion and Nature in North America	3
WST3349	Ecofeminism	3
WST 630	Gender, Culture, and Place	3
WIS 523	Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Conservation	3
URP4740	Housing and Urban Development	3

**Category B | Issues of Environmental Justice, Research and Policy (choose at least one 3 credit course from this category)**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SYA4930	Conservation Criminology	3
SYA4930	Crime and the Environment	3
SYA4930	Environmental Change and Justice (if not already taken as required course)	3
SYD4021	Population Issues	3
SYO4403	Sociology of Environment and Health	3
AEB4282	International Humanitarian Assistance	3
AEB4283	International Development Policy	3
AEB4123	Agricultural and Natural Resource Law	3
AFS4315	Critical Issues in Contemporary Africa	3
AFS4345	Political Economy of Conservation in Africa	3
ALS3030	Urban Agriculture	3
ALS3133	Agricultural and Environmental Quality	3
ALS2410	Challenge 2050: Global Uncertainty	3
ALS3415	Challenge 2050: Developing Tools for Changing the World	3
ALS3940	Challenge 2050: The Experience	3
ALS4419	Challenge 2050: Creating Solutions	3
ALS 4950	Challenge 2050: Taking Action	2-6
AGG3501	Environment, Food and Society	3
ANT4403	Environment and Cultural Behavior	3
ARC1000	Architecture and Humanity	3
BCN1582	International Sustainable Development	3
ECO2310	Economics of Sustainability	3
ECP3302	Environmental Economics and Resource Policy	4

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
FYC 4408	Organizational Leadership for Nonprofits	3
FYC 4409	Working with Nonprofit Organizations in Community Settings	3
FYC 4427	Non-Governmental Organizations	3
CPO4793	Environmental Politics in the Global South	3
GEO2006	Natural Hazards Geography	3
GEO2500	Global and Regional Economies	3
GLY3163	Geology American National Parks	3
GLY3882C	Hydrogeology and Human Affairs	3
HSC3201	Community and Environmental Health	3
PHC3440	Global Public Health	3
HIS3610	History and Public Policy	3
WOH3404	Global History of Energy	3
HOS3285	The Organic Debate: Organic Agriculture Development & Regulations	1
PHI3641	Conduct, Change and Consequences: Making Ethical Decisions	3
PHM3032	Ethics and Ecology	3
DCP3210	Sustainable Solutions for the Built Environment	3
DCP3220	Social and Cultural Sustainability and the Built Environment	3
DCP4941	Practicum in Sustainability and the Built Environment	6
DCP4942	Field Experience in Sustainability and the Built Environment	1-6
IDS 2220	Climate Change Science and Solutions	3
INR4350	International Environmental Relations	3
POS2032	Politics of Sustainability	3
PUP4224	Florida Environmental Politics	3
PSY3626	Psychology of Sustainability	3

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SWS 2007	The World of Water	3
SWS 2008	Land and Life	3
SWS 4245	Water Resource Sustainability	3
SWS 4204	Urban Soil and Water Systems	3
DCP 3220	Social and Cultural Sustainability and the Built Environment	3
WST 3371	Women, Leadership & Diversity in the Global Environment	3
WIS 2040	Wildlife Issues in a Changing World	3
WIS 2552	Biodiversity Conservation: Global Perspectives	3
WIS 3434	Tropical Wildlife	3
WIS 4427C	Wildlife Habitat Management	3
URP 3001	Cities of the World	3
URP 4000	Preview of Urban and Regional Planning	3
URP 4882	Defensible Space and CPTED in Urban Design	3
URP 4640	Sustainable Urbanism in Europe	3

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**RELATED SOCIOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAMS**

1. Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
2. Sociology Minor
3. Social Justice and Policy Minor