

Community and Justice Studies

The Community and Justice Studies major is located within the Department of Justice and Policy Studies. The major focuses on policies and strategies of public service and community-based organizations. Taking an applied interdisciplinary approach, the department works with other departments and many community groups. The major emphasizes understanding public service organizations, community problem-solving, values in public policies, civic activism, strategies for changing organizations, and experiential learning and internships.

The major is intended for students planning careers or graduate study in public service. Graduates of the Community & Justice Studies major have pursued graduate study and careers in public administration, urban affairs, law, and related vocations. Graduates also have undertaken careers in community organizing, nonprofit community service organizations focusing on mediation and conflict resolution, spouse and child abuse, and similar callings, as well as law enforcement, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice. Many students look forward to civic activism, to influencing policy in their communities, and supporting their communities through service.

Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *The Princeton Review* as well as being one of the 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College inspires each student to achieve excellence through an engaging community, rooted in Quaker values, which nurtures creativity and social responsibility.

What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T State University, Elon University and High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

The academic program in Community and Justice Studies

The Bachelor of Science degree is offered in Community and Justice Studies.

A minor is offered in Community Studies.

Required courses for the Community and Justice Studies major

The major consists of eight courses (32 credit hours), as specified below.

Four basic required courses:

JPS 103: Community Problem Solving

JPS 262: Restorative Justice

JPS 310: Public Management & Organizational Theory

JPS 339: Research Methods

Choose three from the following group—at least one at the 200 level, at least one at the 300 or 400 level, and one more of your choice:

JPS 205: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

JPS 365: Race in Criminal Justice

JPS 220: Community Building

JPS 424: Trust and Violence

JPS 244: Conflict Resolution Fundamentals

JPS 425: Family Violence

JPS 290: Internship (strongly recommended)

JPS 439: Understanding Oppressive Systems

JPS 301: Criminal Justice Policy and Practice

JPS 440: Counseling

JPS 313: Law and Society

All majors take the following capstone course:

JPS 447: Basic Group Facilitation (Available only to juniors and seniors completing their major)

Internship Opportunities

The JPS program requires all students to complete an internship associated with their field of study. This is an important part of every student's education. The internship provides the student with an opportunity to explore career opportunities and offers the student a learning opportunity that cannot be duplicated in the classroom. Examples of internship opportunities:

- Beloved Community Center of Greensboro
- Family Life Council
- Weaver House Shelter
- Greensboro Interactive Resource Center (Day Shelter for Homeless)
- Global to Greensboro Community Gardens
- Points of Light Foundation
- NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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