

# COMMUNITY STUDIES MINOR

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This new field of study and practice arises from a pervasive sense of disconnection and isolation that has become widespread in American culture. Focusing on building community, the field understands our society’s institutions as on a path of systematically undermining respectful and authentic relatedness among citizens. It also sees this path as the source of many growing pathologies, including individual and systematic prejudice and discrimination and many forms of violence.

Currently, the need for community-building has begun to gain the attention and imagination of many inside and outside the academy. As new disciplines emerge and diverse technological and other forms of expertise expand, we are becoming aware that we still lack the ability to build sustainable systems that enable our endeavors to thrive.

The minor in community studies is not available to community and justice studies majors.

## Minor Requirements

The minor requires a minimum of 16 credit hours (four courses).

Code	Title	Credits
JPS 103	Community Problem Solving	4
JPS 220	Community Building and Organizing	4
JPS 336	Understanding Oppressive Systems	4
Select one of the following or any Community and Justice Studies course with approval from program coordinator.		4
JPS 290	Internship	
JPS 319	Trust & Violence	
PSY 213		
PECS 345	Social Change: Promoting Peace	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

Total credit hours required for community studies minor is 16 credits