

AY23-32-A

New Minor: Health Equity & Social Justice

Recommended for Approval by Committee A on February 15, 2024

Effective Term: SPRING 2025

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
PROPOSAL FOR A NEW MINOR, NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR
OR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO AN EXISTING MINOR**

A minor may be chosen by students to support the major, to offer greater job opportunities to the student on graduation, or to provide recognition of study in a second academic area. Completion of an approved minor will meet the upper-division General Education requirement. A minimum of 12 credit hours, normally at the advanced level (300-400) in a specified field of study is required.

Interdisciplinary minors require 12 credit hours of 300/400-level courses selected from at least two different disciplines with a maximum of six credits from any one discipline. Three credit hours in the interdisciplinary minor may be in the major, if a major course is listed as an option for the interdisciplinary minor. As such, it will be credited toward both the major and the interdisciplinary minor.

Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for the complete policy on minors.

Minimum enrollment expectations for minors are five graduates in five years or the minor will be discontinued.

Proposed Action (check one)

New Minor New Interdisciplinary Minor Significant Changes to an Existing Minor

1. Name of proposed minor or minor to be changed:

Health Equity and Social Justice

2. Description of proposed minor or change to an existing minor:

This minor explores social determinants of health, including how social factors such as race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, culture, and location impact community health. Particular attention will be paid to structural causes of health disparities, sources of resilience, and health policies.

3. Rationale for proposal:

(address what the proposed minor will accomplish for students)

This minor will provide students with multidisciplinary knowledge of the impact of social issues on health equity. Students with this minor will be well-positioned for diverse health careers, including public health, health education, and healthcare.

4. Majors likely to enroll in the minor (for new minors):

Sociology, Public Health, Political Science (Policy), Health Services Administration, Nursing, Environmental Health, Human Services, Women's and Gender Studies.

5. Projected enrollment and why (for new minors):

20 - We expect that 20 is a realistic projected enrollment early on across all of these disciplines.

6. Proposed Effective Term:

Fall 2024

7. Resources needed, including human resources, library resources, faculty resources, and funding resources:

No additional resources needed. New minor builds on existing strengths and resources available in the three departments included.

8. Program requirements: [List below all courses required for the minor, the prerequisites, and the total hours required for the minor. Submit the appropriate information through the online Course Inventory Management (CIM) process in CourseLeaf (nextcatalog.odu.edu/courseadmin) for all new courses/course changes.]

12 credit hours ; Prerequisites: SOC 201S and PUBH 200 ; Required (6 credits) SOC 440 and PUBH 422

Electives (6 credits) HLSC 465, PUBH/HLSC 320, PUBH/HLSC 335, PUBH 403W, SOC 423, SOC 402 -

9. Description (showing new copy or revised copy) for the next Undergraduate Catalog.

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10. Schedule for offering courses (include whether the minor can be completed in two years and whether it will be available through Distance Learning) (for new minors):

Each course listed will be offered at least once per year. Many are offered every semester, including in the summer. Minors can be completed in two years or less and will include distance learning. Courses that have prerequisites that student be a major, or have taken a another course in the field that isn't already required will be given instructor approval to enroll.

11. Effect on current department course schedule (for new minors):

APPROVED

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Note: See attached approval B.Kraj 1/23/24.

External Department Chair(s) Date
(If applicable)

Chair, Faculty Senate Date
Committee A

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ADMINISTRATIVE CODING

Effective Term F24

Major Code Proposed: HESJ
Need new minor code

College A+L

Degree Code N/A

Department Sociology