UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

SOCIAL INNOVATION (COMPLEMENTARY MINOR)



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General Information

A complementary minor is taken in addition to a student's main program. There is no direct admission in a complementary program; the choice is made after admission and registration in a bachelor program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Compulsory Courses (24 units)

INS2101 Introduction to Social Innovation
INS2102 Social Justice and Critical Thinking
INS2103 Social Movements
INS2104 Democracy and Civic Engagement
INS2105 Social and Solidarity Economy
INS2106 Management, Administration and Social Innovation
INS3101 Self-Management in Organizations
INS3102 Practical Seminar: Introduction to Action Research

Optional Courses (6 units)

6 units from:
ECS2192 Inequality, Conflict and Social Justice
INS3103 Capitalism, Classes and Inequalities
INS3104 Labor Movements
IPA1123 Introduction to Group Dynamics
IPA3126 The Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership and Group Facilitation
ISC2301 Communication and Organizations

With the approval of the School of Social Innovation, students may also choose optional courses from among those offered by the School of International Development and Global Studies in order to add an international perspective to their studies.

Some courses have specific prerequisites.

A course that is part of a bachelor degree or a major cannot count as an optional course toward a minor.

COURSES

ECS 2192 - INEQUALITY, CONFLICT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

This course consists of two components: (1) the examination of the variable linkages between inequality (economic, social, political), injustice, and violent conflict; and (2) the examination of efforts to create environments characterized by equality, equity, justice and peace.

INS 2101 - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL INNOVATION

Social innovation basics, methodological foundation to study the field and best practices.

INS 2102 - SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CRITICAL THINKING

Main contemporary theories of social justice (liberal, critical, catholic, etc.) and issues related to redistribution, recognition, capabilities and accessibility.

INS 2103 - SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Analyzing social situations through the lens of concepts developed by the most important schools of critical thinking and the approaches in social movement studies.

INS 2104 - DEMOCRACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Fundamentals of democracy, participation and representative government needed to understand and move beyond the framework in which they are embedded within Western societies.

Students having completed the course *DVM4154 Global Studies, Citizenship and Development* will be credited for this course.

INS 2105 - SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

Overview of social and solidarity economy through a survey of the field's main texts and its most important initiatives.

Students having completed the course *DVM4150 Social Economy and Local Development in Developing Countries* will be credited for this course.

INS 2106 - MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL INNOVATION

Basics of management and administration necessary for the proper functioning of a social organization.

Students having completed the courses *ADM1100 Introduction to Business Management* will be credited for this course.

INS 3101 - SELF-MANAGEMENT IN ORGANIZATIONS

Structures, bodies, and modes of operation within democratic organizations.

INS 3102 - PRACTICAL SEMINAR: INTRODUCTION TO ACTION RESEARCH

Basic introduction to action research through getting involved in an organization and/or implementing a project, critically reflecting on the experience.

INS 3103 - CAPITALISM, CLASSES AND INEQUALITIES

Theoretical foundations of Marxist analysis, key concepts and contemporary debates, in particular, current economic and technological changes.

INS 3104 - LABOR MOVEMENTS

Analysis of the trajectory and dynamics of social movements focused on issues of class and socioeconomic inequality.

INS 3112 - PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION

Basic notions in project management adapted to the reality of innovative social organizations.

IPA 1123 - INTRODUCTION TO GROUP DYNAMICS

This course initiates participants to the group phenomenon and to different fundamental concepts, such as group typology, elements of group dynamics, as well as conditions and factors that are part of interpersonal and group communication. Participants learn to be aware of the quality of their participation and to develop their capacity to observe and to interact.

This course was previously HUM1103 and IGL1103.

ISC 2301 - COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONS

Definition of an organization. Usual approaches to communication within the organizations: functionalist, strategic, critical, and cultural. The change management issue. Impact of technology.