Justice Studies

Justice Studies is the discovery of social and historical roots of justice and injustice and the examination of popular understandings and how they shape public policies. Investigation learned by using social science research, critical inquiry, and experiential learning helps the student to learn the legal and social concerns of socially marginalized populations. Students who major in justice studies may be better prepared to enter careers in non-governmental organizations, social activism, law, social work, religious organizations, government, business and international organizations.

Entry-level	Job Titles
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Alcohol/Drug Case

Worker

Border Patrol Agent Broadcast/Newspaper

Reporter Case Worker Case Aid Worker Child Welfare Officer

Criminal

Justice/Corrections

Specialist

Congressional Aide

Correctional Case Worker

Community

Organizer/Action Director Consumer Advocate

Court Administrator

Criminologist

Criminal Investigator

Customs Agent

Delinquency Counselor

Director, Non-Profit

Agency

Discrimination Investigator Employment/Occupational

Social Worker

Field Officer, Human Rights Campaign

Foreign Service Officer Foster Care Worker Government Advisor

Government/Politics

Teacher Interviewer

Intake Counselor Industrial Security

Specialist

Juvenile Justice Specialist Juvenile Court Counselor

Legislative Coordinator,

Mayor's Office

Lawyer

Legislative Aide Mental Health Worker

Negotiator

Pre-trial Services Officer

Public Policy Analyst Probation/Parole Officer

Planning Specialist Policy Advocate

Peace Corps/Vista

Political Aide

Public Opinion Surveyor Recreation Coordinator

Research

Analyst/Consultant

Social Worker **Social Services** Administrator

Social Welfare Examiner

Teacher

Union Organizer US Customs Agent

Victim Services Specialist

Youth Case

Manager/Advocate

Jobs requiring additional education or experience

Attorney College/University Faculty

School counselor Substance Abuse Counselor

Private Investigator Judge, Magistrate, Adjudicator

Mediator

Related Major Skills

Leadership abilities Insight into group, political, and societal

Interact with diverse populations dynamics

Team workers Work well under pressure Knowledge of community resources Present specific viewpoints



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Compare and contrast evidence

Measure media effects

Work with deadlines

Attention to details

Research and planning (sociological)

Knowledge of social structures and change

Understand corporate and government

organizational structures

Ability to understand & improve human

relationships

Write press releases, scripts, or other

promotional materials

Develop leadership skills in others

Create powerful images with sight, sound,

motion, and words

Knowledge in humanities, social science,

and natural science

Computer literate including spreadsheets, word processing, relational databases, etc.

Influencing/persuasion skills

Evaluate information and resources

Planning and managing skills

Work independently

Data collection and analysis

Unbiased decision-making

Conflict resolution

Writing grant proposals

Maintaining records

Conducting field studies

Identifying value systems

Utilizing statistical applications

International Organizations of Interest

Amnesty International (www.amnesty.org)

Amnesty International is a worldwide campaign that works to promote all the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international standards. In particular, Amnesty International campaigns to free all prisoners of conscience; ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners; abolish the death penalty, torture and other cruel treatment of prisoners; end political killings and "disappearances"; and oppose human rights abuses by opposition groups. Amnesty International has around a million members and supporters in 162 countries and territories. Activities range from public demonstrations to letter-writing, from human rights education to fundraising concerts, from individual appeals on a particular case to global campaigns on a particular issue.

<u>ASEAN</u> (Association of South East Asian Nations) (<u>www.aseansec.org/index.html</u>) News, declarations, and trade data for member nations.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (www.carnegieendowment.org)

Established in 1910 in Washington, D.C., with a gift from industrialist Andrew Carnegie, the Endowment conducts programs of research, discussion, publication, and education in international affairs and U.S. foreign policy.

Corporate Watch (http://www.corpwatch.org

Corporate Watch provides news, analysis, research tools and action resources to respond to corporate activity around the globe. Corporate watch talks with people who are directly affected by corporate abuses as well as with others fighting for corporate accountability, human rights, social and environmental justice. As part of the independent media, Corporate Watch is free of corporate sponsorship.



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Fellowship of Reconciliation (www.forusa.org)

The Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism, and economic injustice with nonviolence, peace, and justice. It is an interfaith organization committed to active nonviolence as a transforming way of life and as a means of radical change. The Fellowship of Reconciliation educates, trains, build coalitions, and engages in nonviolent and compassionate actions locally, nationally, and globally.

Global Exchange (www.globalexchange.org)

Global Exchange is a human rights organization dedicated to promoting environmental, political, and social justice around the world. The organization has been striving to increase global awareness among the US public while building international partnerships around the world.

Global Fund for Women (www.globalfundforwomen.org)

An international organization focusing on rights of women and issues including domestic violence, literacy, economic development, and international trafficking in women.

InterAction (www.interaction.org)

Compendium of links to nongovernmental organizations concerned with development, human rights, humanitarian assistance, and the environment.

North-South Institute (www.nsi-ins.ca/)

Information on social equity in economic development, governance, and conflict resolution, from a Canadian NGO.

Rainforest Action Network (www.ran.org)

Since it was founded in 1985, the Rainforest Action Network has been working to protect tropical rainforests and the human rights of those living in and around those forests. From the beginning, the Network has played a key role in strengthening the worldwide rainforest conservation movement through supporting activists in tropical countries as well as organizing and mobilizing consumers and community action groups throughout the United States.

UNIFEM (www.unifem.org)

UNIFEM promotes women's empowerment and gender equality. It works to ensure the participation of women in all levels of development planning and practice, and acts as a catalyst within the UN system, supporting efforts that link the needs and concerns of women to all critical issues on the national, regional and global agendas. UNIFEM focuses its work at the country level within the context of the United Nations Resident Coordinator System. Playing a strong advocacy role, the Fund concentrates on fostering a multilateral policy dialogue on women's empowerment.

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United States Institute for Peace (www.usip.org/)

Conducts research to promote peaceful resolution of international conflicts. Research projects and policy studies deal with virtual diplomacy, rule of law, and human rights.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (www.wilpf.org/)

Founded in 1915 to protest the war then raging in Europe, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom aims to bring together women of different political and philosophical conviction, united in their determination to study and make known and help abolish the political, social, economic and psychological causes of war and to work for a constructive peace.

National Organizations of Interest

Georgia Justice Project (www.gjp.org/programs)

GJP defends poor people accused of crimes and, win or lose, stands with them while they rebuild their lives. GJP believes that this is the only way to break the cycle of crime and poverty. GJP's mission from the outset has been to ensure justice for the indigent criminally accused by providing them with the same quality of legal representation usually only afforded those who can hire their own lawyers.

Global Exchange (www.globalexchange.org)

A San Francisco-based education and action resource center, we advance our vision by working to ensure our members and constituents are empowered locally and connected globally to create a just and sustainable world.

Peace and Collaborative Development Network (www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org)

This is a free professional networking site (*with over 12,490 members from around the world*) to foster dialogue and sharing of resources in international development, conflict resolution, gender mainstreaming, human rights, social entrepreneurship and related fields

US Public Interest Research Group (www.uspirg.org)

With a strong network of researchers, advocates, organizers and students in state capitols across the country, US PIRG provides alternative opinions and findings on issues such as product safety, political corruption, prescription drugs and voting rights. They also advocate for issues such as High Speed Rail and public ownership of built infrastructure.

Upward Bound (www2.ed.gov/programs/trioupbound/index.html)

Provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves: high school students from low-income families; and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree.

Women's Action for New Direction (www.wand.org)

An organization promoting alternatives to militarism and violence as the solution to conflict. Shift from a military to a civilian-based economy to address the threats to our real security,



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ensuring that human, economic and environmental needs are met. Cleaning up environmental effects of nuclear weapons production.

Internships (Nationally and Internationally)

The Institute for Inclusive Security

(www.huntalternatives.org/pages/7_the_institute_for_inclusive_security.cfm)

Including The Women Waging Peace Network, advocates for the full participation of stakeholders, especially women, in peace processes. Creating sustainable peace is achieved best by a diverse, citizen-driven approach. Of the many sectors of society currently excluded from peace processes, none is larger (or more critical to success) than women.

Torture Abolition Survivors Support Coalition International (www.tassc.org)

This is the only organization founded by and for torture survivors. The mission of TASSC is to end the practice of torture wherever it occurs and to empower survivors, their families and communities wherever they are.

National Peace Action (www.peace-action.org)

The nation's largest grassroots peace network, with chapters and affiliates in 30 states. We organize our grassroots network to place pressure on Congress and the Administration through write-in campaigns, internet actions, citizen lobbying and direct action.

Cornerstone Foundation (www.cornerstonefoundationbelize.org)

A community development organization in Belize in Central America. The mission is to support women by offering vocational training, ESL, literacy, HIV/AIDS prevention, life skills training, and human rights education.

<u>Cultural Canvas Thailand (www.culturalcanvas.com)</u>

An organization which generates awareness of current social issues in Thailand's second most populated city. Issue development on women's empowerment, Burmese refugee assistance, HIV/AIDS outreach and education, and assistance to sex workers.

Volunteer opportunities (nationally and internationally)

Americorps (www.americorps.org)

Often referred to as the "domestic Peace Corps", because both agencies are committed to service. A stint in Americorps usually lasts about ten months.

<u>The Brethren Volunteer Service</u> (BVS) (<u>www.brethren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BVS</u>) An organization committed to finding food and shelter for those in need. BVS has a presence in many states and 19 countries.

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) (www.cpt.org)

An organization which provides support to teams of peace workers in conflict areas around the world. These teams believe they can lower the levels of violence through nonviolent direct action, human rights documentation, and nonviolence training.



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The Community Mediation Center (www.conflictcrushers.org)

An association providing quality education and services that enable youth, families, individuals, organizations, businesses, and communities to effectively resolve, reduce and prevent conflict.

The Foundation for Sustainable Development (www.fsdinternational.org/)

An organization founded to support underserved communities, providing human and financial resources to more than 200 community-based partners. These organizations serve in areas such as microfinance, health, environment, youth and education, women's empowerment, community development and human rights. Partner agencies exist in Argentina, Bolivia, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, and Uganda.

The Legacy for African Children International

(http://matadortravel.com/traveler/legacy-african-children-international)

An organization addressing the needs of African children affected by HIV/AIDS and to engage, strengthen capacities, mobilize and share effective practices among stakeholders at all levels. LACI provides scholastic materials/fees for HIV/AID orphans and vocational training for widowed mothers and older children

The Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) (www.mennonitemission.net/Stewardship)

MVS provides connections to service opportunities in many different agencies serving poor and marginalized communities. Opportunities exist in the US and internationally.

The Miguel Angel Asturias Academy (www.asturiasacademy.org)

The academy is a non-profit K-12 school located in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, with a curriculum based on the education theory of Paulo Freire, advocating social justice

Peace Corps Volunteers (www.peacecorps.gov)

The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960. Since that time, nearly 200,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation. Today's Peace Corps is more vital than ever, working in emerging and essential areas such as information technology and business development, and committing more than 1,000 new Volunteers as a part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

<u>The Regional Resettlement Offices of the International Rescue Committee</u> (www.theirc.org/volunteer)

Helps international refugees to adjust to a new life in the U.S.

United Nations Volunteers (www.unv.org)

A program run by the UN for promoting and harnessing volunteerism for effective development. UNV mobilizes more than 7,500 volunteers annually. Volunteers help to organize and run local and national elections and support a large number of peacekeeping and humanitarian projects.

Employing Organizations (Nationally and Internationally)

The Arms Control Association (www.armscontrol.com/employment)

A national non-partisan membership organization dedicated to promoting public understanding of and support for effective arms control policies.

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court (www.iccnow.org/?mod=employment)

A global network of over 2,500 non-governmental organizations advocating for a fair, effective and independent International Criminal Court (ICC).

Concern Worldwide (www.concernusa.org/public/workwithus.aspx)

An organization dedicated to reducing suffering and working towards the elimination of extreme poverty. It has over 3,600 staff members working in over thirty countries, including the United States.

Mediation Works Incorporated (MWI) (www.mwi.org)

Dedicated to providing innovative dispute resolution services and training to corporate, institutional, and individual clients seeking to resolve difficult disputes.

The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) (http://mcc.org)

A relief, service, and peace agency representing fifteen Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and Amish bodies in North America.

School of the Americas (SOA) Watch

(www.soaw.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=756)

An independent organization that seeks to close the Georgia-based, U.S. Army School of the Americas through vigils and fasts, demonstrations and non-violent protest, as well as media and legislative work. SOA is criticized for training Latin American soldiers who were later accused of committing various human rights violations.

The Search for Common Ground (SFCG) (www.sfcg.org)

An international non-profit organization that promotes peaceful resolution of conflict. The organization designs and manages programs to build bridges across ethnic and national boundaries. Programs in the Middle East to ease conflict between Jewish and Arab populations is an example.

The United Nations (https://jobs.un.org)

The UN and its family of organizations work to promote respect for human rights, protect the environment, fight disease, foster development and reduce poverty. UN agencies define the



standards for safe and efficient transport by air and sea, help improve telecommunications and enhance consumer protection, work to ensure respect for intellectual property rights and coordinate allocation of radio frequencies. The United Nations leads the international campaigns against drug trafficking and terrorism. Throughout the world, the UN and its agencies assist refugees and set up program to clear landmines, help improve the quality of drinking water and expand food production, make loans to developing countries and help stabilize financial markets.

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) (https://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_jobs.cfm) UNDP is the UN's global development network, an organization advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. We are on the ground in 166 countries, working with them on their own solutions to global and national development challenges. As they develop local capacity, they draw on the people of UNDP and our wide range of partners.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) (www.usaid.gov/careers)

The federal agency responsible for most non-military aid. Headquartered in Washington, DC and structured through the Department of State, USAID often has job opportunities in various areas agriculture, the environment, education and training, democracy and governance, global health, and humanitarian assistance.

Organizations of Interest in Chicago-area

Action Now (www.actionnow.org)

Action Now is a multi-issue grassroots organization of working families in the Chicago metro area, best known for work in fighting foreclosures. Issue campaigns come out of listening to community residents through regular monthly meetings, engaging the base by going door-to-door and mobilizing all residents to take part in their community.

Center for Conflict Resolution (www.ccrchicago.org)

A not-for-profit provider of mediation services and conflict management training. Their mission is to provide services that are flexible and cost-effective. Over 31,000 mediated cases, backed by the expertise of knowledgeable, dedicated volunteers and employees. Annually, they provide free mediation services for over 2,000 cases, train hundreds of new mediators, facilitate meetings and work with dozens of businesses, government agencies and organizations to create custom-designed dispute resolution systems and training programs.

Chicago Community Ventures (www.chiventures.org)

A non-profit business development organization that provides financing, consulting and technology services to small businesses and entrepreneurs in Chicago's underserved urban markets. CCV serves Chicago's Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and low-to-moderate income communities.

<u>Chicago Cultural Alliance</u> (<u>www.chicagoculturalalliance.org</u>)



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The CCA is a partnership of Chicago's ethnic museums and cultural centers whose mission is to effect social change and public understanding of cultural diversity through first voice perspectives. The Alliance connects our member museums and cultural centers to flagship arts and cultural institutions, universities, schools, businesses and government agencies.

Community Renewal Society (www.communityrenewalsociety.org)

Provides investigative reports on issues of education, government, housing, criminal and social justice and economic conditions through its independent, award-winning publications.

The Gamaliel Foundation (www.gamaliel.org)

Offers week-long training sessions geared specifically to established neighborhood church-based groups and the techniques of organizing around such groups. Training covers fundraising, leadership and board development, and relations between organizations.

Illinois Action for Children (www.actforchildren.org)

An organization that champions the cause of quality child care and early education for families and children throughout Illinois. Existing for 40 years, Illinois Action for Children provides access to resources, community, advocacy – and represents an alliance of individuals and groups dedicated to empowering and supporting parents, child care providers and family service programs.

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (http://icirr.org)

An organization dedicated to promote the rights of immigrants and refugees to full and equal participation in the civic, cultural, social, and political life of America's diverse society. In partnership with member organizations, the Coalition educates and organizes immigrant and refugee communities to assert their rights; promotes citizenship and civic participation; monitors, analyzes, and advocates on immigrant-related issues; and, informs the general public about the contributions of immigrants and refugees.

Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (www.jcua.org)

The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs combats poverty, racism, and anti-Semitism in partnership with Chicago's diverse communities since 1964. Guided by prophetic Jewish principles, JCUA pursues social and economic justice for Chicago's most vulnerable neighborhoods by promoting a vision of empowering communities from within.

Lake County United Dupage United (www.lakecountyunited.org)

Broad based citizens' organizations building relationships across Lake and DuPage Counties, respectively, to identify community concerns and needs and work together as a united power for human dignity, social justice and the greater good. In particular, we encourage conversation across religious, ethnic, economic, generational, and political lines believing that it is possible to create a shared vision for the county. And we are realists about power: The ability to translate the hopes and interests of our members into action and results.

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Lakeside Community Development Corporation (www.lakesidecdc.org)

Lakeside CDC works to preserve and create affordable housing opportunities in Chicago through education, advocacy and development. Services include educational programs for home seekers (rental/purchase) concerning their housing options; advocacy towards affordable housing preservation and creation; and development of housing for low- and moderate income families. Lakeside CDC activities are intended to promote communities that are diverse and inclusive.

Latin United for Community Housing Association (www.lucha.org)

Latino United Community Housing Association (LUCHA) is a not-for-profit organization that develops deent and affordable housing and provides housing services for residents of the northwest side of Chicago.

Mexico Solidarity Network (www.mexicansolidarity.org)

Located in Chicago, this organization advocates for fundamental social change grounded in democracy, economic justice, human rights and redistribution of power on both sides of the US-Mexico border. The foundations of effective social change are education, community building, and organizing. Participatory research opportunities in Mexico exist for senior, masters, or doctoral theses. Projects may involve working directly with community radio or indigenous movements in Chiapas, campesinos in Tlaxcala, urban housing movements in Mexico City, or barrio organizing in Ciudad Juarez.

Midwest Academy (www.midwestacademy.com)

Since 1973, the Midwest Academy has been training progressive organizers and activists engaged in the struggle for Social Justice

National Training and Information Center: National People's Action (www.ntic-us.org)

A national organizing, policy, research, and training center for grassroots community organizations dedicated to building power to reclaim our democracy and advance racial and economic justice. NTIC has worked nationally to build and strengthen people's organizations, to develop indigenous leadership, and to advance campaigns for a more just, equitable, and sustainable society.

Northern Illinois Food Bank (www.northernilfoodbank.org)

Northern Illinois Food Bank, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charity organization and member of Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network) was founded in May 1983 in Wheaton, Illinois and distributed 7,000 pounds of food in its first month. NIFB has grown tremendously in the past 26 years - distributing more than 22.5 million pounds of food in 2008 and currently serving over 520 food-assistance sites in 13 northern Illinois counties.

Services Employment International Union (www.seiu.org)

The Service Employees International Union is 1.8 million working people and 50,000 retirees united to improve services and our communities throughout North America. SEIU is the



largest property services union, with 225,000 members in the building cleaning and security industries, including janitors, door men and women, and skilled maintenance jobs. In the Central States, SEIU is working to organize property service workers and building strength for janitors and security officers in many other Midwestern cities.

Step Up Women's Network (www.suwn.org)

A national non-profit membership organization dedicated to strengthening community resources for women and girls. Through teen empowerment programs for underserved girls, women's health education and advocacy, professional mentorship and social networking opportunities, Step Up educates and activates our members to ensure that women and girls have the tools they need to create a better future.

United Power for Action and Justice (www.united-power.org)

An organization that promotes dialogue on race relations, trains community organizers and promotes common goals in community empowerment among different religions.

On-line Job Boards

(NEIU's Office of Career Services Job Board: www.collegecentral.com/neiu)

http://www.copcareer.com http://www.govtjobs.com http://www.iaca.net

http://www.bop.gov/recruit.html

http://www.idoc.state.il.us http://www.jobcop.com http://www.theblueline.com http://www.ncja.org

http://www.ihiresocialservices.com http://dmoz.org/Society/Law/Law_Enforce

http://www.corrections.com/
http://www.customs.gov/
http://www.cied.com

ment/Employment/Federal_Agencies
http://database.corrections.com/career
http://www.iaca.net

http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/a9dj.asp
http://www.policeemployment.com
http://www.legalemploy.com

http://www.corrections.com/aca/ http://www.911hotjobs.com

http://www.lpjobs.com http://www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com

http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD/links.ht http://www.jwj.org http://jobs.lawinfo.com

http://www.criminaljustice.msu.edu http://www.wheresthemap.com/wtm/resour

http://www.securityjobs.net ces/gapyearlinks.aspx

http://www.kingscollege.net/sjps/sjps_webs

http://tncrimlaw.com/forensic/ ite/sips_employment_resources.html

http://www.nationjob.com/legal/ http://www.lawjobs.com