

LEADERSHIP, SPIRITUALITY, AND SOCIAL INNOVATION (MINOR)

Program Description

The minor in Leadership, Spirituality, and Social Innovation is built around a commitment to social justice, the practice of relational change, and an ethic of religious literacy. Religious literacy is an understanding of the historic and contemporary interconnections of religion with cultural, political, and social life and the ability to use this knowledge to promote allyship and engage in dialogue on issues of religious or spiritual concern.

Offered jointly between the NYU Wagner School of Public Service and the NYU Silver School of Social Work, this interdisciplinary program molds scholar-practitioners. Students develop competencies to navigate the religious, spiritual, and secular dimensions of various fields, preparing students for careers in community development, healthcare, education, social work, policymaking, journalism, law, human rights, religious leadership, and more.

For help planning your schedule or questions about the minor requirements, please contact Chelsea Garbell, Associate Director, Global Spiritual Life. She can be reached at chelsea.garbell@nyu.edu.

The minor is open to all NYU undergraduate students.

Minor Declaration

Students can apply for the minor via NYU Albert (<http://albert.nyu.edu/>) in the My Academics section of the Student Center.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
UPADM-GP 254	Multi-Faith Leadership in the 21 Century	4
UNDSW-US 54	Mindfulness	4
Restricted Electives		
Select 4 credits from the following:		4
UPADM-GP 249	Religion, Conflict Transformation, and the Future of Democracy	
UNDSW-US 88	Service Learning: Shaping Change: Spirituality, Service and Social Justice	
UPADM-GP 260	What Really Matters? Leadership with No Regrets	
UNDSW-US 81	Social Justice, Religious Literacy & Civic Engagement	
UNDSW-US 67	Global Justice and Peacemaking	
Unrestricted Electives		
Select 4 credits from any of the following: ¹		4
<i>Religion and Society</i>		
RELST-UA 1	Theories & Methods in The Study of Religion	
UPADM-GP 251	Legal & Ethical Approaches to Islam	
UPADM-GP 255	Spiritual and Ethical Approaches to Islam	

RELST-UA 480	American Religion
HBRJD-UA 102	Introduction to Judaism
EAST-UA 832	Intro to Buddhism
RELST-UA 337	Religions of India
RELST-UA 302	Introduction to The New Testament
<i>Peace, Justice, and Ethics</i>	
INTE-UE 1013	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies Course
MCC-UE 1413	Cultural Memory
ANTH-UA 1	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
PHIL-UA 3	Ethics and Society
UNDSW-US 114	Diversity, Racism, Oppression and Privilege for Non Social Work Majors
<i>Human Rights and Advocacy</i>	
INTE-UE 1010	International Human Rights Activism/Education
UPADM-GP 269	How to Change the World: Advocacy Movements and Social Innovation
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Total Credits

16

¹ If you would like to take courses related to leadership, spirituality, and social innovation that do not appear on this list, you may request credit toward the minor with approval of the minor adviser.

Policies

Program Policies

Minor Policies

- Credit toward the minors is not given for courses completed with a grade of less than C, or for courses taken on a pass/fail basis.
- Students can count one course in a minor towards the requirements of another major or minor. Students intending to double count any courses would also need to contact the other major or minor's department to ask if, and to what extent, that department permits overlapping courses.

Students who have declared interdisciplinary minors in partnership with the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service follow the academic policies set forth by the home school.

See Undergraduate (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/>) for schools and policies.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Undergraduate Silver Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the Silver Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/social-work/academic-policies/>).