

# SOCIAL INNOVATION MINOR

**Banner Code: SINN**

## Academic Advising

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Website: [integrative.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-nc-sinn](http://integrative.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-nc-sinn)

Many approaches to addressing social and environmental issues start from a single professional perspective. Engineers, for example, will pursue a technical solution whereas a businessperson might employ an entrepreneurial approach. While professional avenues like these are powerful, a novel method is emerging known as *social innovation*. Social innovators develop solutions by integrating across the professional sectors of government, business, and nonprofit in ways that open new opportunities for addressing social and environmental challenges. This interdisciplinary minor in social innovation is designed to introduce students to the foundations of social innovation and the practical techniques social innovators employ to create solutions that balance people, profit, and the planet (i.e. the triple-bottom line). Through an emphasis on experiential learning in team-based innovation projects, students will integrate theory and practice as they develop the knowledge and skills of social innovators.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15-16

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

### Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
INTS 435	Leadership in a Changing Environment	4
INTS 450	Social Innovation in Action	6
Total Credits		10

### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select five-six credits from the following:		
AVT 370	Entrepreneurship in the Arts	5-6
COMM 335	Organizational Communication	
ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies (Mason Core)	
GOVT 353	Social Entrepreneurship	

GOVT 358	Nonprofit Financial Planning
INTS 210	Sustainable World (Mason Core)
INTS 300	Law and Justice (Mason Core)
INTS 304	Social Movements and Community Activism (Mason Core)
INTS 316	Introduction to Childhood Studies (Mason Core)
INTS 319	Contemporary Youth Studies (Mason Core)
INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector (Mason Core)
INTS 334	Environmental Justice (Mason Core)
INTS 337	Social Justice Consciousness and Personal Transformation
INTS 362	Social Justice and Human Rights (Mason Core)
INTS 370	Sustainable Food Systems
INTS 371	Food Systems and Policy (Mason Core)
INTS 375	Special Topics
INTS 390	International Internship
INTS 401	Conservation Biology (Mason Core)
INTS 406	Global Leadership (Mason Core)
INTS 422	An Experiential Approach to American Foreign Policy
INTS 490	Internship
MBUS 301	Managing People and Organizations in a Global Economy
MBUS 305	Introduction to International Business (Mason Core)
PSYC 427	Community Engagement for Social Change (Mason Core)

Total Credits

5-6