

INEQUALITY STUDIES (B.A.)

The major in Inequality Studies provides students with an interdisciplinary course of study that pursues the inquiry question: What is Inequality Studies and how can inequality in society be repaired? This program uses a multidisciplinary approach to explore that question in four focus areas: (1) Exploring voices and experiences of marginalized people; (2) Investigating inequalities in culture and society; (3) Repairing inequalities; and (4) Activism to highlight and address inequalities.

In the focus areas of this program, students interrogate the social production of knowledge and social structures using the narratives of people who have been marginalized, such as those marginalized by colonial projects or by social identities including race, economic class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or physical ability, among others. Students further apply methodologies and analytical tools to disrupt the thinking of inequality that occurs individually, interpersonally, and within institutions. They analyze the role of knowledge in creating and reinforcing structures of inequality, while exploring strategies for repairing harm that has been done and participating in community activism that connects theory and practice.

Students intending to major in Inequality Studies are encouraged to select a faculty advisor in their area of interest. In addition, students are also encouraged to undertake a disciplinary minor or second major to develop an area of specialization, which will help with the application of these studies.