NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL INNOVATION MINOR

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Built with hands-on learning, the Minor in Nonprofit Leadership and Social Innovation heightens students’ awareness of local, national and global issues and examines different approaches to social impact. Students study the role of the nonprofit, NGO, and social sector, as well as social innovation, leadership, and the skills required for effective nonprofit management. This minor is open to all undergrads on campus, regardless of major. Students who want to take a deeper dive, can pursue the Major in Public Policy with a focus on Nonprofit Leadership and Social Innovation.

Requirements

Complete the application form (electronically or handwritten) and email it to nplminor@umd.edu. More information about this minor can be found at https://spp.umd.edu/your-education/undergraduate/minors.

Students must complete at least 15 credits, including three required courses and two electives. Other electives are being added to this list and students may also propose other courses to meet the elective requirements. No course may be used to satisfy the requirements of more than one minor and at least nine credits must be at the 300-400 level. All courses must be passed with a grade of C- or better.

Course | Title | Credits
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Required Courses: (3 classes, 9 credits)
PLCY213 | Foundations of Nonprofit Leadership and Social Innovation | 3
PLCY310 | Nonprofit Leadership and Social Innovation in Action | 3
Add one of the following | 3
PLCY215 | Innovation and Social Change: Creating Change for Good | 3
PLCY380 | Innovation and Social Change: Do Good Now | 3
BSOS388 | Behavioral and Social Sciences Special Topics (BSOS388 Innovation and Social Change: Do Good Now) | 3
HONR348 | Advanced Honors Seminar (HONR348D Innovation and Social Change: Do Good Now) | 3
ARHU380 | Arts & Humanities in Social Innovation, Change, and Justice: Do Good Now | 3
ENME467 | Engineering for Social Change | 3

Electives (2 classes, 6 credits) | 6

Three credits of study abroad or three credits of an internship or experiential learning related to nonprofits and social innovation and approved by the director will be accepted as an elective.

One of the following courses is allowed and encouraged as an elective (students may not count more than one of the courses below toward the minor requirements):

PLCY214 | Leading and Investing in Social Change: Re-defining and Experimenting with Philanthropy |
PLCY359 | Contemporary Issues in Political Leadership and Participation (PLCY359I Re-defining and Experimenting with Philanthropy) |
PLCY388 | Special Topics in Public Policy (PLCY388G Global Perspectives on Leading and Investing in Social Change) |
HONR349 | Honors Colloquium (Re-defining and Experimenting with Philanthropy) |