

NGOS AND SOCIAL CHANGE

This interdisciplinary major focuses on the roots of social conflict, theories and methods for understanding them, and the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and non-profits that address them. Through investigations of everyday interactions to explorations of larger economic, political, and social structures, students will gain problem solving skills aimed at protecting the environment and lessening the suffering of people around the world.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

One lower-division course. Examples include:

- Introduction to Environmental Law and Politics
- Cultures, Civilizations, and Ethnicities in World Politics
- Black Social Movements in the U.S.
- Human Rights

One course in each of the following areas:

- Core Methods
- Core Theory
- Perspectives on NGOs

Internship experience:

- NGO/Non-profit Field Practicum

Two courses in analyzing and identifying roots of social conflict. Examples include:

- Cross-Cultural Research on Urban Gangs
- Environmental Law
- Human Trafficking

Two courses in addressing social conflict and organizing advocacy. Examples include:

- Designing Media for Social Change
- Philanthropy and Social Change
- Adolescent Gang Intervention

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Center for the Political Future/Unruh Institute of Politics: The mission of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics is to motivate students to become active in the world of politics and to encourage public officials to participate in the daily life of USC, while assisting undergraduates in securing internships. The Unruh Research in Applied Politics Program also supports research that addresses political topics of concern to the polity.

Internships: Enhance your academic experience by working at an NGO or non-profit. Past students have interned at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, American Red Cross, and Climate Action Reserve.

World-Class Resources: USC is home to an impressive array of research centers that are connected to sociology and its interdisciplinary nature. Students can benefit from the proximity of the Andrus Gerontology Center, the Center for Feminist Research, and the Center for Religion and Civic Culture.

Honors Program: Students with high overall and major GPAs will be eligible to participate in an honors program consisting of two senior honors seminars and the completion of a significant piece of research under faculty direction.