PCC’s Social Justice Focus Award develops an interdisciplinary understanding of systems of power, privilege, and domination including the personal, social, cultural, economic, and political consequences on communities, the environment, and society. Students will explore approaches to social change and social movements and engage in practical campus- and community-based experiences with organizations addressing these issues.

Students who complete the Social Justice Focus Award will be able to connect with the University Studies, Sociology, Women’s Studies, Conflict Resolution and the Communities of Practice programs at Portland State University and the Social Justice minor at the University of Portland. Focus Awards are not to be confused with degrees or certificates, are not officially recognized by the state, and do not appear on transcripts. Focus Awards can be used to demonstrate academic and professional interest, critical thinking, and leadership. This award is especially useful for resumes, personal statements, interviews, and applications for internships, scholarships, university admissions and jobs.

For more information and to earn the Social Justice Focus Award please send an email to socialjustice-group@pcc.edu.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE FOCUS AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

Students must complete total of 15-16 credits (with a C or better) with the following requirements:

1. SJ 210 Social Justice: Theory & Practice
2. Three courses from the list below
3. No more than two courses from one discipline

**Courses List**

- CG 191 Exploring Identity and Diversity for College Success 4
- CHLA 202 Introduction to Chicano/Latino Studies II 4
- COMM 140 Introduction to Intercultural Communication 4
- ENG 237 Working-Class Literature 4
- ENG 265 Literature of Social Protest 4
- HE 264 Food Systems and Public Health 3
- HST 251 African American History since 1877 4
- HUM 214 Race and Racism 4
- PHL 202 Ethics 4
- PS 211 Peace and Conflict 4
- SOC 204 Sociology in Everyday Life 4
- SOC 206 Social Problems 4
- SOC 213 Diversity in the United States 4

Choose one of the following:

- SOC 214A Illumination Project: Tools for Creative Social Activism 1
- SOC 214B Illumination Project: Tools for Creative Social Activism 2
- SOC 214C Illumination Project: Tools for Creative Social Activism 3
- SOC 215 Social Issues and Movements 4
- WS 101 Women’s Studies 4
- WS 202 Women, Activism and Social Change 4
- WS 210 Introduction to Queer Studies 4