



# Social Inequality, Health & Policy

Bridging Disciplines Programs allow you to create an interdisciplinary concentration that integrates area requirements, electives, courses for your major, internships, and research experiences.

The BDP in Social Inequality, Health & Policy introduces students to the causes and consequences of the huge disparities in health, life expectancy, and medical care delivery that exist in the world today. Through the lenses of multiple disciplines, the BDP focuses on what national and local governments, as well as non-governmental organizations, can and should do to effectively reduce the most glaring health vulnerabilities. As part of the Social Inequality, Health & Policy BDP, you will learn to investigate how large-scale demographic and social developments—including international migration, the growing numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons, changes in marriage and family patterns, and aging populations—affect nations' population structures, the overall quality of life of their populations, and the evolution of their health care delivery systems. The BDP allows you to consider these issues through a variety of fields, such as Anthropology, Demography, Economics, Education, Geography, Government, Human Ecology, Psychology, Public Affairs, Religious Studies, Social Work, and Sociology, among others.

The Social Inequality, Health & Policy BDP is overseen by a panel of faculty members from across campus. Members include Jacqui Angel (Public Affairs, Sociology), Shannon Cavanagh (Sociology), Kelley Crews (Geography), Henry Dietz (Government, Latin American Studies), Dorie Gilbert (Social Work), Su-Yeong Kim (Human Development and Family Sciences), Laura Lein (Social Work, Anthropology), Yolanda Padilla (Social Work), John Traphagan (Religious Studies), Richard Valencia (Educational Psychology), and Bill Winslade (Philosophy). Many members of the faculty panel are also affiliates of the Population Research Center, Women's and Gender Studies, and other centers at UT-Austin.

Upon completion of 19 hours, you will earn a certificate in Social Inequality, Health & Policy.

The Bridging Disciplines Programs offer interdisciplinary certificates in the following areas:

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| Children & Society   | Film Studies                          |
| Cultural Studies     | International Studies                 |
| Digital Arts & Media | Social Inequality, Health & Policy    |
| Environment          | Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits |
| Ethics & Leadership  |                                       |

For more information about the Bridging Disciplines Programs, go to: FAC 33, [www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp), or call (512) 232-7564.

## foundation courses

7 credit hours

Choose one from EACH of the following categories, for a minimum of 7 hours.

### I. Forum Seminar

BDP 101: Health Inequality in Childhood & Adolescence  
BDP 101: Social Ineq, Health & Policy

### II. Population

GRG 309: Population Geography  
SOC 319: Intro to Social Demo.  
SOC 369K: Population & Society

### III. Methods

ECO 329: Economic Statistics	EDP 371: Intro to Statistics
GRG 360G: Envir Geographic Info Sys	HDF 315L: Res Methods in HDFs
M 316: Elementary Statistical Meth	PSY 418: Stat. & Res. Design-W
SOC 317L: Intro to Social Statistics	SOC 317M: Intro to Social Res
STA 309: Elem. Business Statistics	SW 313: SW Research Methods
SW 318: Social Work Statistics	

## connecting experiences

6-9 credit hours

The BDP staff can help you find internships and research opportunities that connect Social Inequality, Health & Policy to your major field. We call these opportunities "Connecting Experiences," because they play such an important role in integrating your studies. The BDP in Social Inequality, Health & Policy offers opportunities to participate in research through UT's Population Research Center. You may work individually or as part of a team of graduate students working with a professor on a research project. These projects may be funded by government agencies such as NICHD, NIA, and NSF, or by private foundations such as Hewlett, Mellon, and Lilly. Students can also participate in internships. To find out more, visit [www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp).

## courses in a strand

remaining credit hours

Specialize with a minimum of two courses from the suggested pathways below. In order to create an interdisciplinary experience, you must choose courses from a variety of disciplines. Individual course listings for the BDP pathways are located on the opposite side of this page.

Suggested pathways for the BDP in Social Inequality, Health & Policy:

*Social Inequality  
Family & Fertility  
Population Studies*

*Public Health  
Migration & Diaspora*

## integration essay

In order to complete your BDP certificate, write a 3-4 page integration essay in which you reflect on what you learned and accomplished through your BDP experience. This essay is your opportunity to draw connections among your interdisciplinary BDP coursework, your connecting experiences, and your major. For additional guidelines, see your BDP advisor.

## **Social Inequality**

### *Core Courses:*

GOV 312L: When topic is appropriate  
GOV 357M: Gender-based Discrimination-W  
GOV 358: Intro to Public Policy  
GOV 370K: Public Policy Studies Seminar  
MAS 308: Intro to Policy Studies  
MAS 374: Latinos: Wealth/Inequality/Asset Building  
PA 310S: Public Policy Seminar  
SOC 333K: Sociology of Gender  
SOC 352M: Family Policy Issues-W  
SW 310: Intro to Social Work and Social Welfare  
SW 360K: Gays/Lesbians in American Society

### *Specialized Courses:*

AAS 325: Chinese in the US  
ANS 340: Gender/Power in Japanese Society-W  
ANT 324L: Race & Social Change  
ECO 333K: Development Economics  
GOV 312L: Poverty & Politics  
GOV 335N: State Politics and Public Policy  
GOV 355M: Social Policy in the U.S.  
GOV 365N: Politics of the Welfare State  
GOV 370K: Public Policy Studies Seminar  
HDF 347: Socioeconomic Problems of Family-W  
MAS 374: Latino Financial Literacy/Wealth  
PA 325: American Race Policy  
SOC 321: Race, Culture, and Migration-W  
SOC 325: Sociology of Criminal Justice  
SOC 329: Social Stratification  
SOC 344: Racial & Ethnic Relations  
SW 311: Criminal Justice System  
SW 360K: African American Family  
SW 360K: Studies of U.S. Poverty

## **Public Health**

### *Core Courses:*

GOV 358: Intro to Public Policy  
GOV 370K: Public Policy Studies Seminar  
MAS 308: Intro to Policy Studies  
PA 310S: Global Inequalities in Health Care

## **Public Health, cont.**

SOC 308: Health, Welfare, & Public Policy for 21st Century

### *Specialized Courses:*

AFR 374D: Race and Medicine in African Amer Life  
BIO 307D: Biology of Aids  
BIO 361: Human Infectious Diseases  
ECO 330T: Health Economics  
GRG 357: Medical Geography  
HED 329: Child & Adolescent Health  
HED 352K: Psychosocial Issues in Women's Hlth-W  
HED 370K: Adolescent Health Risk Behavior  
HDF 378K: Child Development in Ethnic Minority and Immigrant Families  
HIS 350L: History of AIDS in Africa-W  
N 275: Public Health Nursing  
NTR 331: International Nutrition: Social/ Enviro Policies  
NTR 360: International Nutrition  
SOC 308: Women's Reproductive Health for Nonscience Majors  
SOC 330C: Death & Dying: Sociological Perspectives  
SOC 336D: Race, Class, and Health-W  
SOC 354K: Sociology of Health & Illness-W  
SW 360: Aging and Disability-WB

## **Family & Fertility**

### *Core Courses:*

GOV 358: Intro to Public Policy  
GOV 370K: Public Policy Studies Seminar  
MAS 308: Intro to Policy Studies  
SOC 352M: Family Policy Issues-W  
SW 360K: Gays & Lesbians in American Society

### *Specialized Courses:*

EDP 362: Mexican Amer in the Schooling Process  
EDP 362: Chicano Educational Struggles-W  
HDF 347: Socioeconomic Problems of the Family-W  
HED 329: Child & Adolescent Health  
HED 352K: Psychosocial Issues in Women's Hlth-W  
HED 370K: Adolescent Health Risk Behavior  
SOC 308: Women's Reproductive Health for Nonscience Majors

## **Family & Fertility, cont.**

SOC 321K: Asian American Issues: Family Politics  
SOC 321K: Cross Cultural Perspectives on the Family  
SOC 323: The Family  
SW 360K: African American Family

## **Migration and Diaspora**

### *Core Courses:*

ANT 310L: Intro to the African Diaspora  
GOV 358: Intro to Public Policy  
GOV 370K: Public Policy Studies Seminar  
HIS 317L: Borders, Boundaries & Law Enforcement  
MAS 308: Intro to Policy Studies

### *Specialized Courses:*

AAS 325: Asians in Latin America and Carib  
E 370W: Gender, Sexuality, and Migration  
HDF 378K: Child Dev Minority/Immigrant Families  
HIS 314K: History of Mexican Americans in the U.S.  
HIS 317L: Intro to Asian American History  
HIS 356R: America and the Holocaust  
HIS 357F: Filipinos in the U.S.-W  
SOC 309: Chicanos in American Society  
SOC 321K: Asian American Issues: Family Politics  
SOC 336L: Global Gender Inequality

## **Population Studies**

Consult your BDP advisor.

**\*Some courses may have prerequisites. Please consult your BDP advisor.**

Note that many courses on this list may be cross-listed with other departments. Students may take these courses under any of the cross-listed numbers. Please consult the course schedule or your BDP advisor.

In courses taken for a letter grade, the student must obtain a grade of C or better to meet BDP certificate requirements. Only one BDP course may be taken pass/fail. Any exceptions will be considered by the faculty panel on an individual basis.

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