

**Master of Arts in Equity, Education and  
Social Justice**

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The Master of Arts Degree in Equity, Education, and Social Justice (EESJ) is an interdisciplinary program that draws from the fields of education, sociology, political science, cultural studies, urban planning, ethnic studies, women and gender studies, and critical race studies (among others) to examine societal issues and (in)justice within urban and global contexts. Graduates are prepared for a broad range of careers in schools, colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, community-based grassroots organizations, as well as the private sector (i.e., policy analysis). The program also serves as an ideal foundation for further academic study at the doctoral level. Visit the [program website](#) for program details.

Students should advance to candidacy as early as possible. For advancement to candidacy (Clear Admission status), students must:

1. Complete ESSJ 550 and 3 additional units
2. Maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all course work
3. Resolve all incomplete grades
4. Complete Advancement to Candidacy procd4e

EESJ 551 - Critical Pedagogies (3 units)

**Emphasis Area (9 Units)**

Take three courses in one area:

Global Contexts:

EESJ 566 - Education and Global Inequities (3 units)

EESJ 567 – Activism and Social Movements in a Global Perspective (3 units)

EESJ 562 - Agency, Identity and Resistance in Education (3 units)

EESJ 564 - Language, Culture and Education (3 units)

Second Emphasis Area (3 units)

less than 3.00 but meet the University minimum GPA requirement (2.85 for a completed baccalaureate degree or 2.80 for a baccalaureate degree in progress) and who present compelling evidence of academic and professional potential either through recent academic performance and/or experiential background, may be considered for admission at the discretion of the program admission committee.

International applicants have additional university application requirements including meeting the English language proficiency requirement. Please visit [The Center for International Education \(CIE\) website](#) for more information.