

Course Title: UNXD030: Intersections of Social Justice

Credits: 1 credit

Course Dates: June 7 - July 30, 2021

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Virtual Office Hours:

• Kyra: sign up or email to schedule an appointment

• Melissa: Wednesdays from 10:00am-11:30am EST; or by appointment

Course Description:

Intersections is designed to be a 1-credit community- and reflective-based course to provide wrap-around support for experiential learning. Students will connect with peers in diverse geographic locations in an online, mentored community, with the goal of deepening their reflection on community-based work. Each participant will use their summer internship or volunteer experiences as the primary "course text" to analyze and reflect on throughout the summer. We hope to meet each of you where you are and encourage you to dive deeper into analyzing systems of oppression and discerning your positionality and role in social justice work.

In this course, we will utilize the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm to identify the *context* your work is situated in, prioritize attentiveness to your internship *experience*, practice *reflecting* in- and on-action, experiment with different forms of *action*, and *evaluate* how your summer experience will inform your work moving forward. Some themes we will explore include identity, power, agency, and discernment.

You can read more about the course and its history here.

Course Learning Objectives:

You will get out of this course what you put into it. We will invite you to contemplate:

- Your identity and positionality in the work for justice
- The context of your summer internship placement and systems of power
- Your agency for action

Grading:

As a peer-mediated mode of learning, your active participation is necessary both for your learning as well as the learning of others. Since the semester will go quickly, completing assignments on time is the strongest way to contribute to our community of learning. Due dates

are also there to help you be consistent in regular reflection. As a 1-credit, Pass/Fail course we will grade according to your presence and contribution in our online community, and expect you to complete all weekly reflections, a mid-session assignment, and end of session assignment.

Self & Community Care:

As an experiential learning course, we recognize that you have many demands on your time. We anticipate that a weekly time commitment of 3-5 hours per week (for reading, reflection, and participation online) will support your coursework appropriately.

At the Center for Social Justice, we believe that this work is not sustainable, without care for ourselves and our community, especially given the challenges of the pandemic and the ongoing traumas of racial injustice. We invite you to consider us as part of your community of support -- we are happy to meet with you at any point to discuss your work, the world, or anything else on your mind.

Georgetown University also has a variety of resources available to students to support their wellbeing, including:

Student Health Center (SHC)

SHC can help direct all students – regardless of their location – to appropriate care.

- Offers in-person and virtual primary care visits for students in the Washington, DC, area
- Offers virtual services to students living outside of the DC area (as allowed based on location and licensing regulations)
- To schedule an appointment or speak with a provider, call the Student Health Center at 202-687-2200 or send a message through the MedStar portal
- Provides COVID-19 testing to symptomatic students and care to students with COVID-19 concerns and symptoms
- After hours, urgent medical concerns: call 202-444-PAGE (7243) and ask for the Student Health Center provider on call

Counseling and Psychiatric Service (CAPS)

Ongoing telehealth services are available to students located in DC, Maryland and Virginia, as well as other states where our clinicians' licenses are valid. If CAPS is unable to provide services in the state where you are currently located, they will work to help you find local assistance in your home area.

- CAPS is waiving all fee-for-service charges during the COVID-19 pandemic
- To make a free appointment, call 202-687-6985 during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- For mental health emergencies after hours, call 202-687-6985
- Participate in virtual support groups and interpersonal process groups and workshops
- CAPS has contracted with a <u>number of community mental health providers</u> focused on serving traditionally marginalized or underserved communities, particularly women and femmes of color who have experienced sexual assault, harassment or violence and those who have experienced racial trauma. Services are free of charge, open to all students and available throughout the 2020-21 academic year.

HoyaWell

HoyaWell is a service for all degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students that provides access to 24/7/365 telemental health services from anywhere in the United States at no cost to students. Whether you're feeling anxious or overwhelmed, HoyaWell lets you talk to a mental

health professional from your smartphone or any web-enabled device through a video or voice visit. No issue is too big or too small.

There are three available services:

- TalkNow: 24/7, on-demand access to mental health support to talk about anything
- Scheduled Counseling: scheduled options to meet with a licensed counselor
- Psychiatry: scheduled options to meet with a licensed psychiatrist, available through CAPS referral

To talk to someone today, you can go to the <u>HoyaWell website</u> to register with your Georgetown email address. Q's about HoyaWell? Refer to these <u>answers to frequently asked questions</u> or contact TimelyMD Customer Support at 833-484-6359 or help@timely.md.

HealthiestYou

<u>Student Health Insurance</u> partners with **HealthiestYou** to provide telehealth services for medical and mental health. HealthiestYou offers free, 24/7 access to doctors and licensed counselors across the country.

- Register for virtual counseling appointments
 - o Free to student health insurance Premier Plan members.
 - Estimated cost for Georgetown students not on the university's health insurance plan: \$95/visit (and \$200 for initial visit) with a psychiatrist; \$85/visit with a psychologist or master's level therapist.
- Register for virtual medical visits
 - o Free to student health insurance Premier Plan members.
 - Estimated cost for Georgetown students not on the university's health insurance plan: \$40/visit.

Health Education Services (HES)

All services under HES are free of charge.

- For interpersonal violence (sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking) concerns, email the SARP team.
- For sexual health, nutrition and eating disorders, email Carol Day.
- For alcohol and drug-related concerns, email Patrick Kilcarr.

Sexual Misconduct Resource Center

The online <u>Sexual Misconduct Resource Center</u> provides extensive information about how to get help, how to help a friend and how to better understand terms, definitions and processes.

- Staff are available to talk about your experience.
- Resources are available if you need immediate assistance.

Student Outreach and Support (SOS)

<u>SOS is a non-confidential resource</u> offering support to students experiencing crises, difficult personal circumstances or unexpected transitions that interrupt a student's course of study.

- SOS can help students navigate <u>university systems and resources</u>, including connections to academic deans, the Academic Resource Center or other support offices.
- If you are concerned about a fellow student's health, safety or wellness and believe they need intervention or assistance, please let us know by doing a <u>referral to the Safety Net at Georgetown</u>.