

# SOCIAL ACTIVISM

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## Committee Members

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Social activism is an interdisciplinary minor that provides students with theoretical and practical knowledge to assist them in enacting social change through activism. Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Grapple with the complexity of modern social problems in a way that allows room for diverse viewpoints and experiences
- Apply strategies and tactics to real-life situations that require creative problem-solving
- Analyze the potential pitfalls, ethical issues, and best practices of social activism
- Communicate an understanding of their place and abilities in reference to social activism as well as possible approaches for effecting change

## Programs Offered

### Minor

- Social Activism Minor (<https://catalog.concordiacollege.edu/arts-sciences/social-activism/social-activism-minor/>)

## Courses

### ACT 301 - Social Activism: Making Change Happen, 4 credits.

This course discusses the theories of social movements, provides hands-on and practical guidance for leading an activist campaign, reviews case studies, and includes guided discussion of relevant readings. The course includes units on the theory and philosophy of social movements and activism; government and social policy; campaign management and social media; and hope, faith and hostility.

**Frequency:** Every Year - First Semester

**Core designations:** U.S. Cultural Diversity U

### ACT 380 - Special Topics, 0-4 credits.

Courses covering various topics of interest in this particular discipline are offered regularly. Contact department or program chair for more information.

**Frequency:** Not offered on a Regular Basis

**Repeatable:** Yes

### ACT 390 - Academic Internship, 1-8 credits.

**Frequency:** Not offered on a Regular Basis

**Repeatable:** Yes

### ACT 480 - Independent Study, 1-4 credits.

This course provides an opportunity for individual students to conduct in-depth study of a particular topic under the supervision of a faculty member. Contact the department or program chair for more information.

**Frequency:** Not offered on a Regular Basis

**Repeatable:** Yes

### ACT 487 - Directed Research, 1-4 credits.

This course provides an opportunity for individual students to conduct research in a specific area of study, completed under the direction of a faculty mentor. Specific expectations of the research experience to be determined by the faculty. Repeatable for credit. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

**Frequency:** Not offered on a Regular Basis

**Repeatable:** Yes