

SOCIAL JUSTICE: CONCENTRATION IN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

MA DEGREE

The Master of Arts in Social Justice: Concentration in Social Enterprise (MASJ-SE) degree program is designed to serve people seeking to become agents of change in society. It offers a solid grounding in spiritual and theological foundations for this work, information about key social justice issues today, skills and tools for assessment and analysis in addressing these issues, best-practice strategies for effective work in advocacy and community development, and contextual education at sites where work for social justice is exemplary.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers full- and part-time enrollment.

MA average time to completion (full time): 2 years

MA average time to completion (part time): 4 years

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

As a student in the MASJ-SE program, you will complete a three-credit Contextual Education experience, as well as a capstone integration project that synthesizes your learnings at the end of your studies.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Graduates of this program can focus on such areas as marketing, management, leadership, operations, accounting, and entrepreneurship. With business knowledge and skills, you will be equipped to lead social justice organizations effectively and sustainably over time, increasing the depth and breadth of their social impact.

Career services are available at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The Institute of Pastoral Studies is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools. We continue the Catholic and Jesuit tradition of academic excellence, a personal and community approach to education, and social relevance.

You can broaden your academic and experiential foundation by pursuing the MASJ-SE along with another master's degree.

- The MASJ/MDiv prepares you for leadership in faith-based organizations that promote justice, foster global awareness, and develop professional programs committed to excellence.
- The MASJ/MSW provides you with a strong background to become an agent for positive change as well as the competencies to become a licensed social worker.

STUDENT LIFE

- ACTS: A proud member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS), IPS partners with 11 Chicago-based theological schools whose courses will be available for you to take as you fulfill your elective credit requirements.
- STUDY ABROAD: We encourage you to widen your pastoral experience with an international immersion. Study abroad is open to full- and part-time students. Courses in Rome are scheduled for every summer.
- STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS: As an IPS student, you are welcome to participate in the IPS Student Engagement Committee.

FACULTY

Our faculty members are respected leaders in their fields, integrating research and practical experiences in the classroom. They value interdisciplinary approaches and reflect expertise in a wide array of areas including narrative interpretive methods, Caribbean theologies of liberation, theology and political economy, pedagogies of storytelling, science and theology, ecological approaches to spiritual human development, theologies of pilgrimage, community organizing, integral formation for counseling practice, theologies of immigration, and more. Faculty participate in a number of professional organizations and conferences including the American Academy of Religion, Society of Christian Ethics, Catholic Theological Society of America, Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, Catholic Association of Theological Field Education, Karl Rahner Society, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling.

For more on our faculty visit [LUC.edu/ips/about/faculty](https://luc.edu/ips/about/faculty).

ACCREDITATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND AFFILIATIONS

As a part of Loyola University Chicago, the Institute of Pastoral Studies is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and affiliated with the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU). In addition, the IPS is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. Those accreditations along with our mission to form students as leaders in diverse fields has led to the development of several additional memberships and affiliations. The IPS is a member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, the AJCU Conference for Pastoral, Theological and Ministerial Education, the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, and the Association of Professional Chaplains among many more.

For more on our accreditations, memberships, and affiliations visit [LUC.edu/ips/about/affiliations/](https://luc.edu/ips/about/affiliations/).

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

IPS has a variety of funds available for financial assistance. Via the Sponsored Matching Grant program, IPS will match up to 50% of tuition for eligible students from sponsoring institutions. Other options include merit-based scholarships, need-based grants, Mission Grants, Loyola University Campus Ministry Assistantship, the Chicago Archdiocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program, and/or graduate assistant positions at IPS. Learn more at [LUC.edu/ips/admission/finaid](https://luc.edu/ips/admission/finaid).

LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
AND DEADLINES

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