

MA in Social Justice and Equity Studies Affiliation/Re-Affiliation Procedures

Brock faculty members interested in affiliating/re-affiliating with the program for a five-year term are asked to review the description of the program provided below and to familiarize themselves with the SJES website: <https://brocku.ca/social-sciences/social-justice-and-equity-studies/>

Those who are interested in affiliating for the first time are invited to make an appointment with the Graduate Program Director to learn more about the program and the role of affiliated faculty. They should then fill out the form below and submit the additional requested materials to the chair of the SJES sub-committee on affiliation/re-affiliation.

The affiliation sub-committee will consider the fit between applications and the MA in SJES program description. The sub-committee will make a recommendation on all applicants for affiliation/re-affiliation to the Graduate Program Committee at the April meeting. In the event that an applicant is not recommended by the sub-committee for affiliation/re-affiliation, they will be informed of this decision prior to the April Graduate Program Committee meeting. Applicants who wish to address the Graduate Program Committee directly at the April meeting will be provided with this opportunity. The Graduate Program Committee will vote on the sub-committee recommendations and then forward its recommendations to the annual MA in SJES spring AGM/retreat (usually held in May) where final decisions on affiliation/re-affiliation will be taken.

Affiliation/Re-affiliation Form

Name:

Department/Centre:

Phone/Email:

New Affiliation:

Re-affiliation:

Program Description: This innovative interdisciplinary MA in Social Justice and Equity Studies responds to the growing need for individuals trained in the expanding field of Social Justice and Equity scholarship. Social Justice Studies is a growing field of study in Canadian universities. It is interdisciplinary, diverse and pluralistic in its theoretical traditions, substantive problematics, methods and approaches.

While the field of Social Justice and Equity Studies is open, it is not completely unbounded. Its emergence as an academic field has historically been linked to ethico-political movements for progressive social change. The objective of the SJES program is to train students in critical analysis of social justice and equity issues as related to processes and struggles associated with age, ability, gender, sexuality, racism, speciesism, the environment, class, religion, nationality, and other patterns of inequality. Training in both theory and research methods links processes operating at and across a range of geographical scales, from the local to the global.

The emergence of the field of Social Justice and Equity Studies also reflects recognition of the links between power and knowledge in the university. Social Justice and Equity Studies seeks to enact an emancipatory politics of knowledge in favouring voices and perspectives that have been historically marginalized and who are actively resisting domination. These legacies and commitments inform the teaching and research done under the auspices of the SJES program at Brock and the criteria for affiliation and admission to the program. The program unites scholars from distinct academic disciplines to provide an exciting breadth and diversity of perspectives. The program is made up of participating faculty from many departments across the university. Students will be equipped to pursue doctoral studies and to offer their expertise as policy makers or policy consultants to social advocacy and social movement organizations as well as a wider public.

Briefly describe your commitment to the field of social justice and equity studies and your interest in the MA in Social Justice and Equity Studies program.

Briefly describe how some of your scholarship is substantively connected, or contributes, to the field of social justice and equity studies.

If applying for re-affiliation, please outline your past contributions to the MA in SJES program for the past year including financial support of students (RAship, fellowship), MRP/thesis committee work, SJES committee work.

To submit your application, please send this form by email to the SJES Graduate Administrative Coordinator with the following documents also attached:

- one relevant piece of scholarly activity or creative work recently published or accepted/forthcoming
- a current CV.

Email your completed application to <socialjustice@brocku.ca>.