

MINOR IN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION (SEI)

The Social Entrepreneurship & Innovation (SEI) Minor exposes undergraduate students to an integrated approach for applying entrepreneurial principles, concepts, and tools to the world's biggest social problems. Open to all Notre Dame undergraduates, this customizable minor offers a practical and experiential approach to making the world a better place. Students will strengthen their entrepreneurial mindset as they develop innovative solutions to global issues such as: poverty, clean water, human trafficking, racial and ethnic discrimination, domestic abuse, literacy, health care, and many others.

LOGIC AND STRUCTURE

Our integrated approach includes a logical flow of courses and experiential learning opportunities that expose students to a breadth of topical exploration and depth of subject matter coverage. The minor consists of 15 credit hours, including two foundation courses (6 hours), two elective courses (6 hours), and one capstone course (3 hours). It is designed to be flexible so students can tailor the mix of courses to reflect their interests in particular problem areas, such as poverty alleviation or environmental sustainability.

UNIQUE FEATURES

The SEI minor includes five distinctive features:

- an inter-disciplinary approach
- a global orientation
- a competency-based approach to learning
- a strong emphasis on experiential or hands-on learning
- a flexible structure to accommodate varied student interests

The features are accomplished through an innovative mix of courses and co-curricular or community engagement opportunities. Students can pursue consulting projects, internships, mentorships, field research projects, a study abroad program centering on social entrepreneurship, and the conceptualization and launch of their own social innovations. Students in the minor use these opportunities to build experience portfolios that enhance their attractiveness in the job market.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The experiential and applied nature of the minor helps prepare students for a variety of career paths, including work in a) nonprofit organizations dedicated to addressing social problems; b) companies involved with corporate social responsibility initiatives; c) government organizations responsible for policies and programs serving the disadvantaged or addressing inequities and vexing social needs; d) consulting firms that assist individuals and organizations dedicated to social change; and e) starting one's own social enterprise.

ACADEMIC HOME

The SEI minor is jointly housed in the McKenna Center for Human Development & Global Business and the Pulte Institute for Global Development. Both units are part of the Keough School of Global Affairs, where the central focus is on advancing integral human development. The program is co-directed by professors [Melissa Paulsen](#) and [Michael Morris](#).

HOW TO ENROLL

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SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION MINOR COURSE

The SEI minor is designed to compliment any major and provide practical skills to make a difference.

OUTLINE

15 credits total

2 foundation classes

6 elective credits

3-credit experiential capstone

REQUIRED FOUNDATION COURSES (6 credits)

- Social Entrepreneurship (3)—[SEI 30552, Spring]

- Human-Centered Design for Social Innovation (3)—[SEI 30555, Fall]

- Other courses with a SEID attribute code like Intro to Complex Problem Solving in the Public Sphere

ELECTIVE CONTENT COURSES (6 credits from the following)

Students can take electives from our courses in Social Entrepreneurship or other courses in Business, Sustainability, or Poverty Studies like the ones listed below. This is an unofficial list of courses that are subject to change. Students should consult with the SEI Minor Advisor on course elective eligibility.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Marketing Social Initiatives, Causes and Ventures (3)— [SEI 40834, Spring]
- Poverty, Development and Business (3)— [SEI 30999, Fall]

BUSINESS

- Strategic Pricing, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (3)
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Lab (3)
- Entrepreneurial Sales and Sales Management (1.5)
- Women and Inclusive Leadership (3)

SUSTAINABILITY

- Sustainable Development in a Changing World (3)
- Sustainable Development: The Role of Business (3)
- Environmental Economics and Policy (3)
- Environment, Food and Society (3)
- Peace, Ecology and Integral Human Development (3)
- The Business of Energy (3)
- Global Change, Water and Energy (3)
- Idea Discovery Lab (3)

POVERTY

- Introduction to Poverty Studies (3)
- Introduction to Social Problems (3)
- Development Economics (3)
- Economics of Inequality (3)
- Global Change, Local Responses (3)
- Anthropology and Poverty (3)

EXPERIENTIAL CAPSTONE COURSE (3 credits from the following)

- Consulting and Development (3)—[SEI 40999, Fall]
- Practicum in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (3)
- Entrepreneurship Empowerment in South Africa (6)— [SEI 34997/8, Summer]