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UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS OFFERS SOCIAL JUSTICE MINOR

HOUSTON (May 5, 2006)— Beginning fall 2006, a Social Justice minor will be available. Like all other minors, it will require 18 credit hours in required areas of study, including political science, philosophy, theology, psychology, history and international and environmental studies.

The minor was created in order to cultivate in students the capacity for understanding the normative frameworks that foster just relationships in family, community, national, and transnational networks, develop and apply ethical decision making to specific professional and policy areas, connect the key principle of the dignity of the human person to specific human and civil rights and cultivate in students a capacity for bringing about justice as participation in political, cultural, social, and economic arenas - a capacity for the common good as understood by Thomas Aquinas.

“The enactment of the social justice minor affirms UST’s commitment to articulating both on campus and in the community the Catholic vision of justice and peace,” said Dr. John Burke, lead organizer for the social justice minor.

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