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## **SJUS 100 – Introduction to Social Justice**

On January 12, 2016, the students in SJUS 100 were asked to define social justice in just six words. Some of their thoughtful, creative & insightful answers are below.

- Lifelong devotion to serving others well
- Empathy and kindness on a daily basis
- Ideally, empathy applied equally to everyone
- Open eyes. Open minds. Open hearts
- Stop history from repeating itself. Please.
- A millionaire and homeless man: humans
- Education = path towards equality. But wait.
- Put yourself in someone else's shoes
- What change can we make together?
- Let's use power for positive change
- Consider, understand, and protect all people
- Knowledge is the only lasting currency
- Equality from an unbiased, neutral standpoint
- Differences ≠ discrimination, differences = beauty, love everyone.
- Making the unseen seen; powerless powerful
- Making the strange familiar; familiar strange
- The world needs more empathy now
- Life under the veil of ignorance
- Equality to all lawfully and socially
- Treat everyone as you treat yourself
- Bringing together different backgrounds for harmony
- Changing people's minds slowly but surely
- Struggle to maintain integrity in community
- All people deserve a fair chance
- Logic + empathy + compassion + resourcefulness = hopeful situation
- Love is all you really need
- Learning how we all can be.
- Why would we want to hurt?
- Whether you like it or not.
- Not easy, but is life changing
- Social justice is at God's heart
- Strive to do what is right
- They helped me, I'll help others
- Giving all what they are due
- Pain can be experienced by everyone
- Equal rights and opportunities for all

**How would you define social justice in six words?**



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## Can you define Social Justice in six words?

The students of Introduction to Social Justice in Spring 2019 were asked to define "social justice" in six words. Here are their responses.

Equity of access, opportunity, and power

Challenging power structures that harm people

Promoting equality; all aspects of life

Reevaluate systems. Who gains? Who suffers?

Equal treatment and opportunity for all

Equality of rights, opportunities and treatment

Fair and equal treatment of all

Equality, respect, fairness, dignity for all

Equal opportunity for safety and happiness

Ultimate freedom and unrelenting happiness

Equality among society and equal opportunity

Equality and equal access to rights

Striving for a better world - together

*How would you define social justice in six words?*