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

How would you define social justice in six words?
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?