

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS FOR SOCIAL ACTION

### **1. Antioch University: Education, Leadership and Social Justice (Santa Barbara, CA)**

Our MA in Education, Leadership and Social Justice concentration is designed to give students a critical understanding of organizations, such as schools, non-profits, government and service agencies and how to navigate organizational systems with a critical perspective to develop skills to facilitate for positive change. [www.antioch.edu/santa-barbara/degrees-programs/education-degree/masters-degrees-education/ma-education-leadership-social-justice-concentration/](http://www.antioch.edu/santa-barbara/degrees-programs/education-degree/masters-degrees-education/ma-education-leadership-social-justice-concentration/)

### **2. Claremont University: Community-Engaged Education & Social Change (Claremont, CA)**

Community-engaged education bridges the divide between academia (PK–16) and activism by exploring how schools and communities can partner with one another for mutual benefit. The Master of Arts program in Community-Engaged Education & Social Change trains educators who understand the critical intersections across learning, teaching, and local community. [www.cgu.edu/academics/program/community-engaged-education-and-social-change/](http://www.cgu.edu/academics/program/community-engaged-education-and-social-change/)

### **3. Institute for Global Learning (IPSL): Master of Arts in Community Organizing & Social Activism, Portland, Oregon**

IPSL offers two international graduate programs: International Development & Service (IDS), and Community Organizing and Social Activism (COSA). Since 1994, IPSL graduate programs have been designed to meet the international demand for ethical leaders who can effectively engage and facilitate partnerships and empower communities. Students are prepared for careers with nonprofit, government, and community development organizations through an interdisciplinary program that combines rigorous academic training with hands-on skill development through volunteer service in several countries. <https://www.ipsl.org/graduate-education-abroad>

### **4. New York University: Masters of Public Administration and Nonprofit Management and Policy; Specialization in Advocacy & Political Action**

The Advocacy and Political Action specialization prepares you to magnify your impact and create meaningful change in the civic engagement, political, and advocacy arenas. Whether your passion for social justice and human rights is in immigration, criminal justice, food security, the environment, or any other issue, you'll need to expand your skillset and learn the strategies and tactics to successfully mobilize people, organizations, and systems. <https://wagner.nyu.edu/education/degrees/mpa-public-nonprofit-management-policy/advocacy#>

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### 5. Prescott College: Social Justice & Community Organizing; Prescott, Arizona

The Social Justice and Community Organizing (SJCO) curriculum combines a unique focus on theories and practices that equip our graduates with the skills, connections, and knowledge to participate effectively in social justice movement building. Courses offer an intensive emphasis on comparative critical theory (both scholarly and grassroots movement-based) with direct participation in organizing and mobilization as powerful tools for understanding the complex relations of culture, power, systems of oppression, and the history and future of movements for social and environmental justice. Community Organizing skills, together with a strong theoretical basis, prepare students for applying their skills within different organizing settings and working in collaboration with directly affected communities. SJCO faculty combine academic scholarship with long-time committed participation in social justice struggles and movement building. Through hands-on participatory learning and community-based, experiential courses, students have opportunities to learn directly from movement leaders working on the cutting edge of grassroots projects from Los Angeles, to the US-Mexico borderlands, to Maasailand, Kenya. [www.prescott.edu/academics/study-areas/social-justice-community-organizing](http://www.prescott.edu/academics/study-areas/social-justice-community-organizing)

### 6. Penn State - Harrisburg: Community Psychology and Social Change

Based on the intersection of psychology and sociology, the Master of Arts in Community Psychology and Social Change emphasizes leadership, community development, social activism and public advocacy. The program equips students to address multifaceted problems facing communities. Students learn to assess problems and to plan, implement and evaluate solutions at community and organizational levels. Learning takes place through coursework, fieldwork, and an individual master's project customized to the student's area of interest

<https://harrisburg.psu.edu/behavioral-sciences-and-education/social-sciences-and-psychology/master-arts-community-psychology-and-social-change>

### 7. Saybrook University: Transformative Social Change (online)

The world is in crisis. All of it is connected—resource depletion leads to poverty; inequality leads to violent conflict; over-consumption leads to global warming. Our Transformative Social Change programs help students develop the skills to understand the interconnectedness of various systems to make positive changes in the world. We offer online M.A., Ph.D., and Certificates in Transformative Social Change. [www.saybrook.edu/areas-of-study/transformative-social-change/](http://www.saybrook.edu/areas-of-study/transformative-social-change/)

### 8. Trinity Washington University: Educating For Change, Washington DC

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Our Master of Education programs are designed for graduate students who want to advocate for and create change in education. We offer our students the opportunity to better understand the dynamics of working to improve the quality of education for all students. Our Educating for Change program draws from the insights provided by a range of disciplines, thereby equipping our students to engage both through theory and practice about how to address social inequalities within educational systems, particularly those associated with gender, ethnicity, social class and disabilities. <https://www.trinitydc.edu/programs/master-of-education/>

### **9. University of Chicago: Social Service Administration**

Learn how to address some of society's key social service and public policy issues by combining your knowledge of social service organizations with an understanding of public policy.

This joint degree program is intended for people who are interested or working in social welfare and/or social policy and want to address the broader systemic issues related to their fields. Upon completion, graduates will be awarded both a Master of Public Policy from the Harris School and a Master of Arts from the School of Social Service Administration and be ready to tackle the issues at the root of their fields' challenges. <https://harris.uchicago.edu/academics/programs-degrees/degrees/school-social-service-administration-mppam>

### **10. University of Massachusetts- Amherst: Social Justice Education**

Masters and Ph.D.: We welcome educational professionals of every stripe—teachers, counselors, psychologists, administrators, student affairs programmers, residence life educators —who work throughout the educational system—kindergarten through college, after-school and youth development programs, and community-based organizations. The program is ideal for students with broad career and life experience who want to acquire the tools and knowledge they need to effect change in the educational environments and systems in which they work. [www.umass.edu/education/programs/social-justice](http://www.umass.edu/education/programs/social-justice)

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### 11. University of Miami: Community & Social Change

The Master's degree program in Community & Social Change (C&SC) is designed to prepare a new generation of creative and community-engaged leaders for the human service sector. The vision of the program centers on the philosophy that leaders in community organizations must be knowledgeable in research, theories, and practice. Leaders must be specifically trained to translate knowledge of individual, organizational and community well-being into action, engaging in praxis with the community. The 30-credit master's program in Community & Social Change is designed to accommodate a variety of students by offering courses in the evening, on weekends and during summer interim sessions. Generally, full-time students are able to complete the program in one to two years. <https://sites.education.miami.edu/community-and-social-change-m-s-ed/>

### 12. University of Michigan: Diversity and Social Justice in Higher Education Graduate

As people around the world face persistent and increasing disparities in income, education, and occupational opportunity, there have been many calls for colleges and universities to better prepare students to understand and address issues pertaining to diversity and social justice. This concentration has been created to meet the needs of students looking to increase their knowledge and skills regarding diversity and social justice in higher education, as well as to prepare them for work in areas of higher education where they will address these issues.

[www.soe.umich.edu/academics/masters\\_programs/dsj](http://www.soe.umich.edu/academics/masters_programs/dsj)

### 13. University of Pennsylvania Education, Culture, & Society

Masters and Ph.D.: The M.S.Ed. program in Education, Culture, and Society is well suited for students interested in educational research, consulting, teaching, community advocacy, educational non-profits, practitioner-orientated inquiry, higher education, evaluation groups, community work, doctoral study, or broad leadership roles in education. The Ph.D. in Education, Culture, and Society prepares students for careers as educational researchers, particularly within universities as scholars, but also in research institutes, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. [www.gse.upenn.edu/ecs/alumni-careers](http://www.gse.upenn.edu/ecs/alumni-careers)