As our understanding of entrepreneurship is being redefined in more socially-conscience ways, social innovation has become widely embraced as a critical component in fostering just and workable solutions to increasingly interdependent social, economic, and ecological problems. *Social Enterprises: Innovation, Justice, and Community Development* is a unique, hybrid course that provides students the opportunity to learn about the theory and practice of social enterprise and to reflect critically on their contribution to social innovation within a dynamic setting.

Students will be embedded with social enterprises in the Phoenix area to help develop and implement social innovation projects. In addition to providing students the opportunity for practical experience and social and civic skill building, the course aims to make a direct contribution to the social economy by fostering practical knowledge, collaborative networking, and social solidarity.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**
- Utilize interdisciplinary, collaborative learning models to educate students about the theory, history, and practice of social enterprises development and social innovation
- Compare the strengths, challenges and evolution of diverse models of social enterprises in North America and Europe
- Encourage students and faculty to recognize that social and economic institutions can be improved and effectively changed and to appreciate and promote group efforts to do so
- Students receive hands on experience working on collaborative social innovation projects in community

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