

LAW AND SOCIETY, BA

The Law and Society Major will provide students with an understanding of the place of law in economic, cultural, political, and social life. Rather than reflecting universal or natural laws, legal systems intersect with social structures and systems of stratification. Laws can mediate or exacerbate conflicts, reinforce or help to change social norms, determine access to institutions, and even regulate personal reproductive decisions and define intimate relationships. The major will include courses relating to a wide array of areas of study, including the criminal justice system; immigration law and policy; housing and residential segregation by race and social class; reproductive and marital rights; religious freedom; public welfare systems; and other historical and contemporary complexities at the intersection of law and society. Courses will examine how laws get made, how they evolve, and whether and how they are enforced. Courses will also delve into the impact of laws and legal systems, and how they shape social life by constraining some actions and enabling others. They will also elucidate how the law patterns inequality by race, ethnicity, nativity, religion, gender, and sexuality. The Law and Society major benefits students upon graduation with a wide range of opportunities including the pursuit of graduate studies in law, engaging in policy work, and other careers in the public and private sectors where a holistic understanding of the intersection of law and various aspects of society is beneficial.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
SOCI 1120	Law and Society	1
SOCI 1000	Introduction to Sociology	1
SOCI 2000	Sociological Research Methods	1
<i>Breadth Requirements</i>		
Students are required to take at least 2 courses in each of 3 substantive areas: the criminal justice system, systems of stratification, and social problems and policy.		6
The Criminal Justice System		
SOCI 1030	Deviance	
SOCI 2902	The US and Human Rights: Policies and Practices	
SOCI 2908	Carceral Crisis: The Question of Abolition	
SOCI 2920	Criminology	
SOCI 2921	Criminal Justice	
SOCI 4002	Criminal Justice Data Analytics	
Systems of Stratification		
SOCI 1050	Social Stratification	
SOCI 1060	Race and Ethnic Relations	
or SOCI 0003Sociology of Race and Ethnicity		
or SOCI 2907Race, Rights and Rebellion		
SOCI 1100	Sociology of Gender	
Social Problems and Public Policy		
SOCI 0004	The Law in our Lives	
SOCI 1090	Urban Sociology	

SOCI 1150	Fair Housing, Segregation and the Law	
SOCI 2200	Religion	
SOCI 2240	Law and Social Change	
SOCI 2420	Social Problems and Public Policy	
SOCI 2430	Race, Science & Justice	
SOCI 2450	Poverty, Race and Health	
or SOCI 2460Social Inequality and Health		
or SOCI 2952Health and Social Justice (SNF Paideia Program Course)		
SOCI 2620	Social Movements	
SOCI 2680	Contemporary Immigration in the U.S.	
SOCI 2691	Innovation, Regulations, Technology, and Society: Experience from East Asia	
SOCI 2940	Homelessness & Urban Inequality	
SOCI 2943	Global Urban Education	
SOCI 2944	Perspectives on Urban Poverty	
<i>Electives and Cognate Courses</i>		
Any 4 courses in Sociology or from other departments that relate to the law (courses outside of this list may be approved at the discretion of the undergraduate chair):		4
SOCI 2690	Comparative and International Education - Focus on East Asian Education	
SOCI 2973	Culture on Trial: Race, Media & Intellectual Property	
AFRC 3500	American Slavery and the Law	
COMM 3230	Contemporary Politics, Policy, and Journalism	
COMM 4320	Digital Inequalities	
ECON 0440	Law and Economics	
EDUC 5418	Global Governance and Cooperation: International Education Policy and Practice	
EDUC 5439	Examining the School to Prison Pipeline: Implications of History, Policy, and Race	
EDUC 5841	Access & Choice in American Higher Education	
HIST 1172	Bodies, Race and Rights: Sex and Citizenship in Modern American History	
HIST 1119	History of American Law to 1877	
HIST 1169	History of American Law Since 1877	
HIST 1733	Free Speech and Censorship	
LGST 1010	Law and Social Values	
PHIL 1450	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 2450	Justice, Law and Morality	
PSCI 3401	International Law	
PSCI 1205	Constitutional Law	
<i>Advanced Research</i>		
Independent Study/Research Project on the intersection of law and society		1
Total Course Units		34

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should

consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
