Law and Society

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Law and Society is an interdisciplinary minor that emphasizes the complexity and interrelationship of legal, social, and ethical issues in their historical context. Although it is administered by Warren College, it is available to all UC San Diego undergraduate students considering law-related careers or those with a general interest in law as a social institution. The purpose of the program is to enhance students’ critical analysis of social and ethical issues related to law and of the legal implications and ramifications of policy and decision-making in their major fields of study. Students examine the role of the legal system and specific legal issues from the perspectives of the social sciences and humanities. Social forces, historical questions, and issues of values will be considered in the context of the legal system. The focus of the minor is on the process of law—how the law both reflects and defines basic social values—and its relation to the political, economic, and social conflicts within society.

The interdisciplinary content of the Law and Society minor offers students the opportunity to examine law-related issues from the perspectives of a broad range of disciplines, including anthropology, communication, critical gender studies, economics, environmental studies, ethnic studies, history, linguistics, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, and urban studies and planning. Students should consult an academic advisor at their college to determine how the Law and Society minor can best meet their college graduation requirements. Minor declarations must be made online using the TritonLink major and minor application.

Students are urged to supplement the Law and Society minor with a law-related internship. The Academic Internship Program offers local placements with lawyers, judges, elected officials, government offices, and public interest groups. In addition, placements are available in Washington, D.C. with senators, representatives, legislative committees, and political action committees.

A number of extracurricular events and programs are also available to students interested in law. Information on these programs and activities is available in the Warren College Interdisciplinary Programs Office, EBU 3B, Computer Science and Engineering Building, Room 1114, Warren College, or call (858) 534-3068. Web site: http://provost.ucsd.edu/warren/law/

LAW AND SOCIETY MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The minor consists of four required courses and three elective courses. At least five courses must be taken at the upper-division level. To assure an interdisciplinary learning experience, students must include at least one course from each of the following academic departments: history, philosophy, political science, and sociology. Law and Society 101, Contemporary Legal Issues, will count as a history, philosophy, political science, or sociology course according to the departmental affiliation of the instructor. Law and Society 101 may be repeated for credit once (separate topic required), for a maximum total of eight units.

REQURED COURSES

1. One of the following two courses: Political Science 40. Introduction to Law and Society
2. Law and Society 101. Contemporary Legal Issues
3. One of the following four courses: History US 150. American Legal History to 1865
   History US 151. American Legal History since 1865
   Political Science 104A. The Supreme Court and the Constitution
   Political Science 104B. Civil Liberties—Fundamental Rights
4. One of the following two courses: Philosophy 168. Philosophy of Law

Society 140. Sociology of Law

ELECTIVES CHOSEN FROM THE FOLLOWING

Anthropology
100. Topics in Socio-Cultural Anthropology (topic approval required)

Communication
139A–B. Law, Communication, and Freedom of Expression

Critical Gender Studies
106. Gender, Equality, and the Law
107. Gender and Reproductive Rights

Dimensions of Culture
2. Justice (open to Thurgood Marshall College students only)

Economics
118. Law and Economics: Torts, Property, Crime
119. Law and Economics: Contracts and Corporations

Environmental Studies
110. Environmental Law

Ethnic Studies
152. Law and Civil Rights

History of Science
131. Science, Technology, and Law

History Topics
134. International Law: War Crimes and Genocide

History of the United States
128. African-American Legal History
150. American Legal History to 1865
151. American Legal History since 1865
152A. A Constitutional History of the U.S. to 1865
152B. A Constitutional History of the U.S. since 1865
153. American Political Trials

155A. Religion and Law in American History: Foundations to the Civil War
155B. Religion and Law in American History: Civil War to the Present
169. Topics in American Legal and Constitutional History

Law and Society
101. Contemporary Legal Issues (may be repeated for credit once; separate topic required)
102S. Crimes, Civil Wrongs, and Constitution

Linguistics
105. Law and Language
176. Language of Politics and Advertising

Philosophy
10. Introduction to Logic
12. Logic and Decision Making
162. Contemporary Moral Issues
163. Biomedical Ethics
167. Contemporary Political Philosophy
168. Philosophy of Law

Political Science
13. Power and Justice
40. Introduction to Law and Society
104A. The Supreme Court and the Constitution
104B. Civil Liberties—Fundamental Rights
104C. Civil Liberties—The Rights of Criminals and Minorities
104D. Judicial Politics
104F. Seminar in Constitutional Law
104L. Law and Politics—Courts and Political Controversy
104L. Positive Political Theory of Law
104M. Law and Sex
140A. International Law and Organizations
145A. International Politics and Drugs
150A. Politics of Immigration

Psychology
162. Psychology and the Law

Sociology
50. Introduction to Law and Society
120T. Special Topics in Culture, Language, and Social Interaction (topic approval required)
140. Sociology of Law
140F. Law and the Workplace
141. Crime and Society
142. Social Deviance
144. Forms of Social Control
145. Violence and Society
146. Law Enforcement in America
152. Social Inequality and Public Policy
159. Special Topics in Social Organizations and Institutions (topic approval required)
160E. Law and Culture
163. Migration and the Law
173. Elite Crime

Urban Studies and Planning
124. Land Use Planning

Students may petition to substitute courses in the minor that have substantial legal content. Petitions should be submitted to the Warren College Interdisciplinary Programs Office.
RECOMMENDED INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

A law-related internship (AIP 197) is recommended and should be arranged at least one quarter in advance through the Academic Internship Program, Literature Building, Second Floor, [http://aip.ucsd.edu/](http://aip.ucsd.edu/).

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COURSES

For course descriptions not found in the UC San Diego General Catalog, 2010–11, please contact the department for more information.

Most course work for the Law and Society minor is listed under the academic department providing instruction. Law and Society 101, described below, is an interdisciplinary course. It may be counted toward minor requirements as either History, Philosophy, Political Science, or Sociology. Further information on Law and Society 101 is available in the Interdisciplinary Programs Office.

UPPER-DIVISION

101. Contemporary Legal Issues (4)
This course will deal in depth each year with a different legal issue of contemporary significance, viewed from the perspectives of political science, history, sociology, and philosophy. Required for students completing the Law and Society minor. May be repeated for credit once, for a maximum total of eight units. **Prerequisite:** upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

102S. Crimes, Civil Wrongs, and Constitution (4)
Through lectures and discussions on several controversial topics, students are introduced to the subjects taught in the first year of law school. They learn briefing, case analysis, and the Socratic method of instruction, engage in role-playing exercises, and take law-school examinations. **Prerequisite:** upper-division standing or consent of instructor.