

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 UCSD 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 UCSD students the opportunity to examine law-related issues from the perspectives of a broad range of disciplines including: communication, anthropology, economics, environmental studies, ethnic studies, history, linguistics, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, urban studies and planning, and critical gender studies.

Students should consult an academic adviser in their college provost's office to determine how the law and society minor can best meet their college's graduation requirements. Declarations must first be reviewed and approved by the coordinator of the Warren College Interdisciplinary Programs and then by the students' college academic advising office.

Students are strongly urged to supplement the law and society minor with a law-related internship. Both local and out-of-town internships are available to juniors and seniors with at least a 2.5 grade-point average (some placements require a 3.0 GPA) through the Academic Internship Program. 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. Students may earn from four to sixteen units of academic credit for the internship experience. To apply AIP197 and courses in the UC/DC Program toward minor requirements, contact the Law and Society Interdisciplinary Programs coordinator.

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 1108, Warren College, or call (858) 534-1704. Web site: <http://warren.ucsd.edu/law>

Law and Society Minor Requirements

The minor consists of seven courses, five of which must be upper-division, chosen from the courses listed below. 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, may be counted as either political science or sociology, and may be repeated for credit once, for a maximum total of eight units.

Required Courses

1. Political Science 40 or Sociology 50—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
Sociology/C-140—Sociology of Law

ELECTIVES CHOSEN FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Anthropology: General

100—Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology (approval required)

Communication/SF

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)

Economics

118—Law and Economics: Torts, Property, Crime
119—Law and Economics: Contracts, Credit, Bankruptcy

Ethnic Studies

152—Law and Civil Rights

Environmental Studies

110—Environmental Law

History U.S.

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—American Legal and Constitutional History

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101—Contemporary Legal Issues (may be repeated for credit one time; separate topic required)
102S—Crimes, Civil Wrongs, and Constitution

Linguistics/General

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–Bio-Medical 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
- 104I–Law and Politics—Courts and Political Controversy
- 104L–Positive Political Theory of Law
- 104M–Law and Sex
- 117–Violence and Social Order
- 140A–International Law and Organizations

Psychology

- 162–Psychology and the Law

Sociology

- Soc/L50–Introduction to Law and Society
- Soc/B120S–Special Topics in Culture, Language, and Social Interaction (prior approval of topic required)
- Soc/B142–Social Deviance
- Soc/B145–Violence and Society
- Soc/B146–Law Enforcement in America
- Soc/B160L–Law and Culture
- Soc/B173–Elite Crime
- Soc/C140–Sociology and the Law
- Soc/C140F–Law and the Workplace
- Soc/C141–Crime and Society
- Soc/C144–Forms of Social Control
- Soc/C159–Topics in Social Organizations and Institutions (prior approval of topic required)

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, Room 3210. For each four units of credit, ten hours a week for one quarter and a ten-page research paper are required.

COURSES

For course descriptions not found in the 2006–2007 General Catalog, please contact the department for more information.

As indicated above, 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 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.

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.*