

LAW, SOCIETY, AND POLICY, BA

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Program Description

This Integrated Learning Major (ILM) in Law, Society, and Policy introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of law and society. Drawing on a range of courses across the humanities and social sciences, this ILM grounds students in the study of law, legal institutions, the legal dimensions of social life, and the policy process. Students gain an understanding of how the law shapes, and is shaped by, society and how policies are devised and implemented to address social problems. Majors complete 27 credits, including 12 credits in required classes and 15 credits in an area of concentration:

1. Law, Crime, and Society in the U.S. or
2. Comparative and International Law.

At least 18 credits must be upper-division courses. The ILM cultivates interests in human rights and in the principles and pursuit of justice. It prepares students for a variety of careers and for graduate programs in law, public policy, or the social sciences.

This ILM may be combined with any other undergraduate major with approval by the program director. While certain majors typically serve as the base major for this ILM, students are encouraged to meet with the program director to determine their best choice of a base major. Dually enrolled students must have a base major within Arts and Sciences| Maxwell.

The major in Law, Society, and Policy will integrate with the following majors:

CAS/Maxwell: African American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, English and Textual Studies, Geography and the Environment, History, International Relations, Latino/Latin American Studies, Philosophy, Policy Studies, Political Science, Political Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, Writing Studies, Rhetoric, and Composition

Falk: Food Studies, Human Development and Family Science, Public Health, Social Work

iSchool: Innovation, Science, and Technology, Information Management and Technology, Applied Data Analytics

Newhouse: Broadcast and Digital Journalism, Magazine, News, and Digital Journalism, Public Relations (Newhouse students can only declare the ILM by petitioning through their Advising Office.)

VPA: Communications and Rhetorical Studies

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will think critically about the complex roles of law in society, including how law shapes—and is shaped by—social, economic, cultural, and political life.
2. Students will learn the skills of legal reasoning and be able to apply them to social issues.
3. Students will improve a range of analytic and communicative skills: their ability to comprehend, contrast, develop and defend arguments; their ability to read and interpret texts from a variety of disciplines, their ability to write analytically; their ability to present orally.
4. Students will be able to critically reflect on the promise and limitations of law in the actualization of rights and the pursuit of justice.
5. Students will identify how the politics of race, class, gender, and nationality have shaped legal institutions and outcomes, and how legal institutions disparately impact diverse populations.

Requirements

Majors complete 27 credits, including 12 required credits and 15 concentration area credits. At least 18 credits must be upper-division courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
Select six credits of the following:		6
LLA 201	Elements of Law	
PST 101	An Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy	
SOC 265	Sociology of Law	
Methods Requirement		
Select three credits of the following:		3
ANT 481	Ethnographic Techniques	
GEO 383	Geographic Information Systems	

HST 301	Practicum in the Study of History	
MAX 201	Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences	
PSC 202	Introduction to Political Analysis	
PST 315	Methods of Public Policy Analysis and Presentation	
SOC 318	Introduction to Research	
SOC 319	Qualitative Methods in Sociology	
Internship Requirement		
Majors must complete a 3 credit internship to gain practical experience. Students may fulfill this requirement by taking LPS 470 or an internship course in their base major.		3
Concentration Areas		
Students choose one of two areas of concentration: (1) Law, Crime, and Society in the U.S. or (2) Comparative and International Law. Students will complete 15 credits in the concentration area, with the advice of the Program Director. In addition to the courses listed in each concentration area, there are courses offered on the SU campus as "special topics" courses (usually listed as 300-level) and via SU Abroad, which a student may petition to count towards the major. At least a third of the course content must be directly applicable to the concentration in order for the course to be approved by petition. Students can petition for 3 credits of a base major senior capstone or thesis course to count towards the concentration.		15
Law, Crime, and Society in the U.S.		
Comparative and International Law		
Total Credits		27

Law, Crime, and Society in the U.S.

Students will take 15 credits that provide a solid grounding in multidisciplinary perspectives on law and the ways in which it shapes, and is shaped by, social, economic, and political life in the United States.

Code	Title	Credits
AAS 306	African American Politics	3
AAS 353	Sociology of the African American Experience	3
AAS 426	African American Urban History	3
ANT 452	Anthropology and Public Policy	3
ANT 453	Poverty, Policy, and Human Services	3
CRS 225	Public Advocacy	3
GEO 440	Race and Space	3
HFS 479	Power, Conflict, Violence, and the Family	3
HST 306	The Long Civil Rights Era	3
HST 385	United States Legal History, 1620 to Present	3
HST 386	Crime and Society in American History, 1620 to Present	3
IST 343	Data in Society	3
IST 456	Information Policies and Decision Making	3
LLA 300	Selected Topics	1-6
PAI 415	Poverty Policy	3
PHI 317	Political Philosophy: The Social Contract Tradition and its Critics	3
PHI 397	Philosophy of Law	3
PHP 414	Introduction to Ethics & Laws in Healthcare Administration	3
PSC 300	Selected Topics	1-6
PSC 303	The Development of the American State	3

PSC 304	The Judicial Process	3
PSC 306	African American Politics	3
PSC 316	The Supreme Court in American Politics	3
PSC 324	Constitutional Law I	3
PSC 325	Constitutional Law II	3
PSC 338	Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics	3
PSC 374	Law and Society	3
PSC 375	Philosophy of Law	3
PST 431	Criminal Justice System	3
PSY 474	Forensic Psychology	3
PSY 376	Why Good People Do Terrible Things	3
SOC 334	Criminal Justice	3
SOC 343	The Deviance Process	3
SOC 353	Sociology of the African American Experience	3
SOC 397	Criminology	3
SOC 416	Race, Crime and Punishment	3

Comparative and International Law

Students will take 15 credits that provide a solid grounding in multidisciplinary perspectives on comparative and international law, including the diversity of institutions and processes across national and international contexts, and the implications for human rights.

Code	Title	Credits
AAS 417	Human Rights in the Americas	3
ANT 358	Peace, War and Security	3
ANT 473	Peace and Conflict in the Balkans: Anthropological Perspectives	3
ANT 476	Women, War and Peace	3
ANT 477	Culture and Conflict	3
CRS 225	Public Advocacy	3
ECN 487	Economic Growth	3
FST 307	Feeding the World: Global Agri-Food Governance	3
FST 403	The Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition	3
GEO 273	Geography of Capitalism: The Political Economy of Global Inequality	3
HST 381	Genocide, Atrocity, and Political Violence in the Modern World	3
IRP 401	Global Policy Seminar	3
IRP 402	Global Policy Seminar II	3
IRP 403	Global Issues	3
IRP 404	Global Political Economy Issue	3
IRP 417	Human Rights in the Americas	3
PHI 363	Ethics and International Relations	3
PHI 397	Philosophy of Law	3
PSC 300	Selected Topics	1-6
PSC 320	Comparative Law and Courts	3
PSC 322	International Security	3
PSC 352	International Law	3
PSC 353	International Organization	3
PSC 354	Human Rights and Global Affairs	3
PSC 356	Political Conflict	3
PSC 363	Ethics and International Relations	3
PSC 374	Law and Society	3

PSC 375	Philosophy of Law	3
PSC 381	Islamic Law & Society	3
REL 361	Islamic Law & Society	3
SOC 308	Social Movements and Global Capitalism	3

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

Dual Enrollments:

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>). Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)