

LAW AND SOCIETY (MINOR)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/sociology/>)

Program Description

Many of the liberal arts disciplines in the College of Arts and Science provide important perspectives on law and the legal profession. The Law and Society minor, administered by the Department of Sociology, offers undergraduates a meaningful concentration of these courses. The minor is designed to give students an interdisciplinary perspective on law as a social institution and on how law shapes, and is shaped by, a variety of political, religious, cultural, economic, and social forces.

The minor in Law and Society consists of five courses, which allows it to be substantial and broad. The requirement of a core course enhances its coherence. In addition, the minor gives capable and ambitious students opportunities to pursue advanced or specialized study. While prelaw students may well wish to take it, this minor is not aimed specifically at them. For more information and/or to declare the minor, see the department website above.

Minor Declaration

To request declaration of a minor, CAS students should visit the host department. To request declaration of a cross-school minor, CAS students should complete the online Minor Application available in their Albert Student Center. Students may also use the Minor Application (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/forms-policies-procedures.html>) in Albert to request cancellation of a CAS or cross-school minor.

Program Requirements

The minor requires the completion of 20 credits with a grade of C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count). In addition, the minor does not allow for any courses to double-count toward the requirements of any other major or minor.

Course	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
<i>Core Course</i>		
Select one of the following:		4
LWSOC-UA 1/ POL-UA 335	Law and Society	
LWSOC-UA 1/ SOC-UA 413	Law and Society	
<i>Methods Course</i>		
Select one of the following: ¹		4
SOC-UA 301	Research Methods	
POL-UA 850	Introduction to Research Methods for Politics	
Electives		
Select three approved electives from the following list: ²		12
ANTH-UA 141	Human Rights & Culture	
ARTH-UA 674	Urban Design & The Law	
ARTH-UA 850	Special Topics:	
CAMS-UA 135	Mental Health and Juvenile Justice	
HIST-UA 75	Topics:	
JOUR-UA 502	Journalism Ethics & First Amendment Law	
MEIS-UA 780	Islamic Law & Society	

POL-UA 330	American Constitution	
POL-UA 332	Civil Liberties	
POL-UA 333	The U.S. Supreme Court	
POL-UA 336	Gender in Law	
POL-UA 354	The Politics of Administrative Law	
POL-UA 711	The Politics of Human Rights	
POL-UA 740	International Law	
SCA-UA 366	Constitution and People of Color	
SOC-UA 503	Criminology	
Total Credits		20

¹ Or an equivalent methods course (with approval of the Law and Society director).

² These elective courses are preapproved to count as Law and Society electives. In addition to those listed here, other courses may count as electives toward the minor should their topics be deemed appropriate. The Department of Sociology's website is updated each semester with a list of ad hoc electives that may be counted without first acquiring departmental approval. Students may petition the director to have other courses (not appearing in this Bulletin or on the minor's website) counted toward the elective requirement.

Students who are also majoring in sociology must take SOC-UA 301 Research Methods for their major; they must therefore take a fourth elective for the law and society minor.

With special permission, exceptional students may be allowed, in their senior year and in consultation with the director, to substitute one of the following for one of the elective courses:

1. an independent study culminating in a research paper or project;
2. an apprenticeship with a faculty member doing relevant research (with permission of faculty); or
3. a relevant graduate course (with permission of faculty).

Policies

Program Policies

Double-Counting of Courses

Courses applied to this minor cannot be double-counted toward a major, minor, or Core requirement.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).