

LAW AND POLITICS MINOR

Curriculum

To graduate with a minor in Law and Politics, students must complete 18 hours of coursework (6 courses). Specifically, all minors must take:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PLSC 385	Introduction to Law ¹	3
Select one of the following: ¹		3
PLSC 100	Political Theory	
PLSC 101	American Politics	
PLSC 102	International Relations in an Age of Globalization	
PLSC 103	Comparative Politics	
Select one upper-division course in EACH of the three focus areas:		9
(1) American Legal System		
(2) International Law		
(3) Law-related Engaged Learning Course		
Select one more upper-division course from one of the three focus areas.		3
Total Hours		18

¹ This course is not a prerequisite and can be completed at any time.

Special Note for Political Science Majors: Students majoring political science may double-count the introductory (PLSC 100 Political Theory, PLSC 101 American Politics, PLSC 102 International Relations in an Age of Globalization, or PLSC 103 Comparative Politics) course from their political science major. However, the rest of the credit requirements for a Law and Politics minor are in addition to the requirements of a Political Science major.

Learning Outcomes and Professional Success

The Minor in Law and Politics is designed to achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Acquire a foundational understanding of the interactions between law and politics and be able to demonstrate a complex understanding of the political and legal processes and their impact on societies and individuals.
- By taking at least one course focusing on legal and political aspects of the American system, students will learn and demonstrate an understanding of differences of class, gender, and race in our legal and political system, with a view to fashioning a more humane and just society.
- By taking at least one course focusing on political and legal interactions in other nations, students will be expected to demonstrate an awareness that human values and behavior, ideas of justice, and methods of interpretation are influenced by culture and time.
- Through engaged learning courses, students will integrate learning through reflection, connecting and synthesizing disciplinary knowledge and out of classroom experiences to generate new understanding.

The program has a strong emphasis on engaged learning. This will allow students not just to read about legal and political causes and effects on the way societies function, but also to experience firsthand the intricacies of such interactions. Consequently, upon completion of the program, students are expected to develop a better understanding of themselves and their role in society and the world, beyond their aforementioned demonstrated social understanding.

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