

LAW AND POLITICS MINOR

The Minor in Law and Politics features courses meant to serve students who are interested in the intersection of Political Science, law, and legal institutions. Students are required to take an Introductory Political Science course and the Introduction to Law course. After that students take at least one course in the three fields of: American Law, International Law, and an experiential learning course related to the legal field.

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Related Programs

Major

- Political Science (BA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ba/>)

Minor

- Political Science Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-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 (3) focus areas:		9
<i>(1) America Legal System</i>		
PLSC 300A	Contemporary Political Issues: American Politics	
PLSC 319	Women, Law & Public Policy	
PLSC 320	Constitutional Law-Due Process	
PLSC 321	Constitutional Law-Powers of Government	
PLSC 322	Constitutional Law-Rights and Liberties	
PLSC 357	Hollywood and Law	
PLSC 372	Crime, Race & Violence	
PLSC 379	The Legislative Process	
PLSC 384	The Judicial Process	
PLSC 389	State Politics	
<i>(2) International Law</i>		
PLSC 213	International Human Rights	
PLSC 301	Political Justice	
PLSC 316	Politics of Genocide	
PLSC 330	Global Justice	
PLSC 353	International Law	
PLSC 356	Intervent in World Politics	
PLSC 364	UN & International Organization	
PLSC 367	Model United Nations	

PLSC 371	Roman Law	
PLSC 388	The Morality and Legality of War	
<i>(3) Law-related Engaged Learning Course</i>		
PLSC 202	Mock Trial	
PLSC 203	Moot Court	
PLSC 369	Politics of Energy	
Select one more upper-division course from one of the three (3) 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.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
Sophomore		
Fall		
PLSC 385	Introduction to Law	3
Hours		3
Spring		
Select one of the following:		3
PLSC 100	Political Theory	
PLSC 101	American Politics	
PLSC 102	International Relations in an Age of Globalization	
PLSC 103	Comparative Politics	
Hours		3
Junior		
Fall		
American Legal System Course		3
Hours		3
Spring		
International Law Course		3
Hours		3
Senior		
Fall		
Law-Related Engaged Learning Course		3
Hours		3

Spring

Elective Course ¹	3
Hours	3
Total Hours	18

¹ Select one more upper-division course from one of the three (3) focus areas.

Undergraduate Policies and Procedures

Please see Undergraduate Policies and Procedures (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/undergraduate/>) for academic policies that supersede those of academic units within the University.

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.