

Law and Justice (16LJM)

Description

The Law and Justice Minor is designed for students who have a special interest in the areas of public law, criminal justice and political theory. It provides a broad understanding of the interplay between law and politics, of the administrative dimensions of law enforcement and criminal justice processes and of the legal and theoretical dimensions of political life. This minor is especially suitable for students interested in careers in law, government, criminal justice agencies and judicial administration as well as for students interested in graduate and professional education in law, political science or criminal justice. No courses for the minor may be taken for S/U credit.

The Law and Justice Minor is designed so that students will:

- Develop an understanding of the role of law and the legal system in the larger political, economic and social contexts in which they function.
- Learn to analyze writings in the field and to communicate effectively ideas concerning law and justice issues both orally and in writing.
- Think analytically about ethical issues and societal responsibilities attached to actors within the justice system.
- Understand the interplay of law and politics in addressing important issues in national as well as international communities
- Study the role of law and legal institutions from a political system perspective.
- Develop a thorough familiarity with the workings of the entire justice system, both in theory and in practice.

Requirements

To complete the Law and Justice Minor, a student must complete 15 hours of course work with grades of C- or better and with a cumulative average of 2.0 in that course work. Those 15 hours must include the required course, PS 205, and four (4) other courses selected from the elective course list, and one of those four courses must be a 400-level or above senior seminar. Seminar courses are marked each semester in the Schedule of Courses by a head note.

A maximum of ONE (1) course may be used (double-counted) towards both departmental major requirements and minor requirements.

Required Courses

- PS 205 Law and Justice

Elective Courses

- PS 204 Problems in American Democracy
- PS 305 The Justice System
- PS 307 Introduction to Criminal Law
- PS 308 United States Supreme Court and Public Policy
- PS 309 Equality and Justice in American Law
- PS 320 Environmental Law and Politics
- PS 335 International Law
- PS 361 Introduction to Political Theory
- PS 362 American Political Thought

- PS 415 Administration of Justice
- PS 418 Gender Issues in Law and Policy
- PS 445 Comparative Systems of Law and Justice
- PS 462 Seminar in Political Theory
- PS 506 United States Constitutional Law
- PS 507 Civil Liberties

Admissions and Certification of Minor

The minor will be administered by an advisory committee consisting of four members of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. The members are Shannon Carey, Sanford Kessler, Robert Moog and Traci Reid. Kessler, Moog and Reid are all faculty members who teach the department's political theory, public law and criminal justice courses. Shannon Carey, the program manager of the undergraduate curriculum in the department, will serve as acting advisor for the minor. Students may contact her at: 217 Caldwell Hall, 919.515.4469, smcarey@social.chass.ncsu.edu.

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