

Law, Values, and Policy Minor

Law, Values, and Policy is an interdisciplinary minor involving the Departments of Political Science, Philosophy, Sociology, and others.

Participation in modern society requires an interdisciplinary grasp of issues. Ordinary party politics, structural changes to either state or federal government, changes in society, alterations in law, or increased or decreased protections for racial, gender, or sexual orientation categories implicate issues of values, economics, and social interaction as well as law. Laws affect and change society. Changes in society drive changes in the law and policy.

The minor in Law, Values, and Policy will provide students with an overview of the theories and analytical techniques of moral philosophy as well as the insights of economics, political science, history, and sociology on the desirability and consequences of different legal regimes, our current legal structures, and legal change.

The utility of the minor in Law, Values, and Policy (LVP) is not just the liberal arts objective of a broad education enabling full and knowledgeable participation in society, but also a sound foundation for a professional career in any field whether law, liberal arts, or science.

The LVP minor provides a breadth of perspectives that would serve well for those students who intend to enter the legal profession or any of the professions that have a substantial interface with legal regulations. It would also provide a good background in the social sciences to enable graduate study in political science, sociology, philosophy, or history.

Minor in Law, Values, and Policy (18 hours)

Requirements:

- Students complete a Law, Values, and Policy Minor by completing a minimum of eighteen hours in approved courses with a minimum of 12 of the 18 hours taken in residence, and at least nine hours in advanced courses.
- Students must take at least two courses from the “Values” category.
- Students must take at least one course from the “Political and Public Communications” category.
- Students must take at least one course from the “Social Theory” category.
- Students must take at least two courses from the “Legal Issues and Policy” category.
- Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better in their minor courses.
- A student may not use more than six hours of work in the LVP Minor to satisfy requirements for a major field and/or any other minor.
- Students taking a course that appears in two categories can only use the course to fulfill requirements one category.

VALUES [Select 2]

PHIL 1321: Logic I

POLS 3350: Public Law and Political Theory

PHIL 2321: Logic II

POLS 3354: Law and Society

PHIL 3350: Ethics

POLS 3359: Criminal Justice

PHIL 3351: Contemporary Moral Issues

POLS 3346: Human Rights

PHIL 3355: Political Philosophy

PHIL 3357: Punishment

PHIL 3375: Law, Society, and Morality

POLITICAL AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS [Select 1]

COMM 1332: Fundamentals of Public Speaking

COMM 3356: Business and Professional Communications

ENGL 3340: Advanced Composition

MARK 337: Professional Selling

PSYC 2380: Introduction to Social Psychology

SPAN 3307: Public Speaking in Spanish

SOCIAL THEORY [Select 1]

POLS 3310: Introduction to Political Theory
POLS 3343: Democratic Theory
POLS 3349: American Political Thought
POLS 3350: Public Law and Political Theory
POLS 3368: Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics
POLS 3390: Women in Politics
POLS 4344: Equality, Justice, and Democracy
SOC 2310: Social Problems
SOC 3300: Introduction to Sociological Theory

LEGAL ISSUES AND POLICIES [Select 2]

HIST 3348: Crime and Punishment in Modern England
POLS 3318: Introduction to Public Policy
POLS 3319: Politics of Social Policy
POLS 3354: Law and Society
POLS 3355: Judicial Process
POLS 3356: Introduction to Constitutional Law
POLS 3357: Introduction to Constitutional Law II
POLS 3358: Judicial Behavior
POLS 3359: Criminal Justice
POLS 3385: Introduction to Law
POLS 4366: Constitutional Design
POLS 3386: Criminal Law
POLS 4397: English and American Legal History
SOC 3313: Criminology

Other courses accepted by petition and approval of program advisor.