

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.

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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. **Student must have four of the six courses not from their major field of study.** []
- Students taking a course that appears in two categories can only use the course to fulfill requirements one category.

VALUES [Select TWO [2] courses]

AAS 3354 Nationalist Thought and Ethics in the US	PHIL 3357: Punishment
Comm 4303 Communication Law & Ethics	Phil 3358 Classics in Hist of Ethics
Hist 4355 Topics in the History of Law and Society	PHIL 3375: Law, Society, and morality
Hon 3306 Health and Human Rights	POLC 4342 Political Economy and Ethics of Market Processes
PHIL 1321: Logic I	POLS 3346 Human rights
PHIL 2321: Logic II	POLS 3350 Public Law and Political Theory
PHIL 3350: Ethics	POLS 3354 Law and Society[LST 3354] POLS 3384 Morality and Politics
PHIL 3351: Contemporary Moral Issues	POLS 3359 Criminal Justice
PHIL 3355: Political Philosophy	

POLITICAL AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS [Select ONE [1] course]

COMM 1332: Fundamentals of Public Speaking Comm 1FOS
Comm 2356 Business and Professional Communication [formerly Comm 3356]
Comm 4372 Media, Power and Society
ENGL 3340: Advanced Composition
MARK 3337: Professional Selling
POLS 3381 Political Psychology
PSYC 2319: Introduction to Social Psychology [Psyc 2380 prior to Fall 2021]

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SPAN 3307: Public Speaking in Spanish

SOCIAL THEORY [Select ONE[1] course]

AAS 3354 Nationalist Thought and Ethics in the US	POLS 3390: Women in Politics
Comm 4303 Communication Law & Ethics	POLS 4344: Equality, Justice, and Democracy
Hist 3341 Latino Struggles for Educational Equality	PSYC 3334 Psychology and Law
Phil 3358 Classics in the history of Ethics	SOC 3300: Introduction to Sociological Theory
POLC 4342 Political Economy and Ethics of Market Processes	SOC 3314 formerly 4397 Sel Topics: Juvenile Delinquency
POLS 3310: Introduction to Political Theory	SOC 3327 Race and Ethnic Relations in the US
POLS 3343: Democratic Theory	SOC 3343 Social Movement
POLS 3349: American Political Thought	Tech 1313 Impact of Modern Technology on Society
POLS 3350: Public Law and Political Theory	WGSS 3322 Intersectionalism of Race, Class, Age, Disability and Gender
POLS 3351: Law in Literature and Film [LST 3351]	WGSS 3350 Gender, Society & Feminist Theory
POLS 3368: Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics	

LEGAL ISSUES AND POLICIES [Select 2]

AAS 3348 African Americans and the Law [fall]
AAS 3349 African American, Politics and Legal Studies [Spring]
Econ 4321 Economic Analysis of US Legal System
POLS 3318: Introduction to Public Policy
POLS 3319: Politics of Social Policy
POLS 3346: Human Rights
POLS 3354: Law and Society [LST 3354]
POLS 3355: Judicial Process
POLS 3356: Introduction to Constitutional Law [LST 3356]
POLS 3357: Introduction to Constitutional Law II [LST 3357]
POLS 3358: Judicial Behavior
POLS 3359: Criminal Justice [LST 3359]
POLS 3385: Introduction to Law [LST 3385]
POLS 3386: Criminal Law [LST 3386]
POLS 4366: Constitutional Design
POLS 4397: English and American Legal History
PSYC 3334 Psychology and the law

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	SOC 3311 Sociology of the law
	SOC 3313: Criminology

Starting Fall 2024 the following courses will change to LST prefix:

- LST 3351 do not take if you took POLS 3351 - Law in Literature and Film
- LST 3354 do not take if you took POLS 3354 - Law and Society Credit Hours: 3.0 ·
- LST 3356 do not take if you took POLS 3356– Introduction to Constitutional Law Credit Hours: 3.0 ·
- LST 3357 do not take if you took POLS 3357 - Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties Credit Hours: 3.0 ·
- LST 3359 do not take if you took POLS 3359 - Criminal Justice Credit Hours: 3.0 ·
- LST 3385 do not take if you took POLS 3385 - Introduction to Law Credit Hours: 3.0 ·
- LST 3386 do not take if you took POLS 3386 – Criminal Law

Pre-Law students: Pre Law in Career Center: <https://uh.edu/ucs/students/meet-with-a-counselor/>

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