

The Law, Justice, and Social Change minor offers students a coherent curriculum that emphasizes the relationship between legal institutions, inequality, and the capacity of social groups to produce fundamental social change.

The minor in Law, Justice, and Social Change will offer students:

- An understanding of theoretical perspectives on justice and on the connection between law and society
- Frameworks for thinking about legal compliance, deviance, and resistance
- Perspectives for thinking about the relationship between “law on the books” and “law in action”
- Tools for thinking about the relationship between law and social change
- Understandings of the law in international contexts and in regard to human rights issues
- The foundation of theory, methods, and substantive knowledge necessary to develop informed perspectives on criminality, crime policy, and the social consequences of legal punishment
- Tools for understanding the role of social policies in creating and ameliorating inequality

For students interested in the following career paths:

- law
- public policy
- criminal justice
- social work
- grassroots social change

PREREQUISITE COURSE

Before declaring the minor in Law, Justice, and Social Change, students must complete a pre-requisite course with a C- or better. First and second year students should enroll in either SOC 100: Intro to Soc, SOC 102: Intro to Soc: Special Topics, or SOC 195: Honors Intro to Soc. Third and fourth year students should enroll in either SOC 300: Principles and Problems of Sociology or SOC 302: Health & Society- Intro to Soc.

The credits from the prerequisite course cannot be included in the 15 credits required to complete the minor.

COURSES

- A student must complete at least 15 credit hours with a C- or better from the following list of approved courses.
- A minimum of 9 credits must be elected in the LJSC minor at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite).
^ This 300-level requirement does not apply to students who declared the minor Fall 2016 and prior ^

- SOC 204: International Migration & the Politics of Membership in a Globalizing World
- SOC 208: Terrorism, Torture, & Violence
- SOC 225: Project Community- Criminal Justice Section
- SOC 270: Gender and the Law
- SOC 304: American Immigration
- SOC 335: Urban Inequality in America
- SOC 350: Human Rights and the United Nations
- SOC 354: Law and Society
- SOC 368: Criminology
- SOC 450: Human Rights in a Globalizing World
- SOC 461: Social Movements
- SOC 465: Sociological Analysis of Deviance
- SOC 468: Crime & Justice: Inside Out Prison Exchange
- SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics
- SOC 488 (1cr) & SOC 489 (3cr): Organizing: People, Power, and Social Change
- appropriate topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), 495

CREDIT/PLAN EXCLUSIONS

A maximum of 6 credits in the minor plan may come from Experiential Learning or Independent Study style courses. This includes but is not limited to SOC 225, 394, 395, 396, 468, and 488.

The department will allow up to one course with significant sociological content related to Law, Justice, and Social Change from other LSA departments or transfer institutions to be included in the minor plan. Students interested in petitioning to include a non-SOC course or transfer course in their minor plan should complete the course petition process which includes submitting a petition form and the course syllabus.

Students majoring in Sociology with a subplan in Law, Justice and Social Change are not permitted to also elect a minor in Law Justice and Social Change. Students minoring in Crime and Justice (Residential College) or Community Action and Social Change (School of Social Work) will not be permitted to also declare the Law Justice and Social Change minor.

ADVISING

A department advisor is available to students for one-on-one appointments to discuss the choice of Law, Justice, & Social Change as a minor, assist in course selection, and advise on co-curricular opportunities and career preparation. Students can schedule a major advising appointment by calling the department at (734) 764-6324 or using the online appointment scheduler at www.lsa.umich.edu/soc. Students can also email socadvisor@umich.edu with questions.

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

Prerequisite Course

Check one of the following: SOC 100 SOC 102 SOC 195 SOC 300 SOC 302

Elective Credits

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 208 – Terrorism, Torture, & Violence | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 225 – Project Community: Criminal Justice section | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 270 – Gender and the Law | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 304 – American Immigration | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 335 – Urban Inequality in America | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 350 – Human Rights and the U.N. | _____ | credits |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 476 – Sociology of Bioethics | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 488 (1cr) & SOC 489 (3cr) – Community Organizing | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Topics in 295, 394, 395, 396, or 495 | _____ | credits |

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