

Law, Politics, and Society

The Law, Politics, and Society (LAPS) Program is a systematic but flexible interdisciplinary exploration of the relationship between law, political life, and Canadian society. It examines the nature of law and its influence on Canadians and their polity and explores how law is made and changed, and considers what forces shape it. Students learn about the institutional character of law making and enforcement and also the social factors that shape and are shaped by law.

Major

Students wishing to pursue this major should consult with the Coordinator of the Law, Politics, and Society Program in assembling a course of study, ideally by the end of their first year. This Interdisciplinary Major consists of 36 credit hours of course work with the following components:

1) LAPS 1003 Intro to Law, Politics, and Society

2) *One additional 1,000-level course from among the following:*

CRIM 1013	Introduction to Criminology
CRIM 1023	Introduction to Criminal Justice
HMRT 1003	Introduction to Human Rights
POLS 1013	Law, Power, and Politics
POLS 1103	Canadian Government

3) *At least 6 credit hours from the following list of core courses in Category I:*

CRIM 2123	Criminal Law
HMRT 3063	Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity
NATI 3903	Native Peoples and the Law: Theory
POLS 2103	Canadian Constitutional Politics
PSYC 2233	Introduction to Psychology and the Law

4) *At least 6 credit hours from the following list of core courses in Category II:*

CRIM 2253	Crime and Society in Historical Perspective (HMRT)
HMRT 3033	Philosophy of Human Rights
SOCI 2416	Inequality in Society (WSGS)
POLS 3503	Human Rights and International Relations

5) *At least 6 credit hours from the courses listed at the 3000 or 4000 levels.*

6) *Other courses from Categories I and II below. Note that a minimum of 12 credits are to be obtained from each of Categories I and II.*

Minor

The minor program consists of 18 credit hours completed according to the following requirements:

1) LAPS 1003 Intro to Law, Politics, and Society

2) *One other 1000-level course in the LAPS program list*

3) *6 credit hours from this list:*

CRIM 2123 Criminal Law

HMRT 3063 Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity

NATI 3903 Native Peoples and the Law: Theory

POLS 2103 Canadian Constitutional Politics

PSYC 2233 Introduction to Psychology and the Law

4) *6 credit hours from the following list:*

CRIM 2253 Crime and Society in Historical Perspective (HMRT)

HMRT 3033 Philosophy of Human Rights

SOCI 2416 Inequality in Society (WSGS)

POLS 3503 Human Rights and International Relations

Note that in the case of both the major and minor in Law, Politics, and Society, many senior level courses have prerequisites that student must satisfy. Accordingly, students should plan their programs carefully.

Course List

LAPS 1003 Introduction to Law, Politics and Society

Other 1000-level courses:

CRIM 1013 Introduction to Criminology

CRIM 1023 Introduction to Criminal Justice

HMRT 1003 Introduction to Human Rights

POLS 1013 Law, Power, and Politics

POLS 1103 Canadian Government

Category I: Law and Politics Courses

These courses focus on the institutional features of law, law-making, and legal enforcement.

CRIM 2123 Criminal Law

CRIM 2233 Police and the Canadian Community

CRIM 4133 International and Comparative Criminal Justice

CRIM 3143 Charter Rights and Criminal Justice

CRIM 3223 Criminal Procedure

CRIM 3243 Advanced Criminal Law

CRIM 3503 Wrongful Conviction!

HIST 2453 History of the United Nations

HIST 3163 Gandhi, India and the World, c. 1850 to Present (PEAC)

HIST 3943 Genocide in Twentieth-Century History

HMRT 3013 Discrimination and the Law in Canada

HMRT 3063 Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity

HMRT 3113	The Rights Revolution in Canada
HMRT 3123	International Human Rights
HMRT 3506	Moot Court
NATI 3903	Native Peoples and the Law: Theory
NATI 3923	Territorial Claims: Theory and Practice
NATI 3933	Treaties and International Law (HMRT)
POLS 2103	Canadian Constitutional Politics
POLS 3123	The Canadian Constitution: Federalism (ENVS 3123)
POLS 3133	The Canadian Constitution: The Charter of Rights and Freedoms
POLS 3306	U.S. Government and Politics
POLS 3343	Law, Politics, and the Judicial Process in Canada
PSYC 2233	Introduction to Psychology and the Law
PSYC 2663	Dangerous Offenders: Assessment and Intervention (CRIM 2663)
PSYC 4223	Seminar in Psychology and the Law

Category II: Law and Society Courses

These courses examine the links between law and dynamic social, economic, and cultural forces.

ANTH 3443	Forensic Osteology and Archaeology
COPP 3033	Public Policy and the Media
CRIM 2253	Crime and Society in Historical Perspective (HMRT)
CRIM 2503	Diversity, Crime, and Justice in Canada
CRIM 3123	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
ENVS 3013	Environmental Policy
GRBK 2206	Human Nature and Technology
GRBK 3306	Justice
GRBK 3506	Freedom
HIST 3053	Disability in History
HIST 3263	Helping the Poor and Unlucky: Social Policies in Europe and North America
HIST 3943	Genocide in Twentieth-Century History
HMRT 3033	Philosophy of Human Rights
NATI 3823	Native Peoples and the Canadian Form of Racism (HMRT)
PHIL 2233	Contemporary Moral Philosophy (HMRT 2263)
PHIL 3633	Marx
POLS 2803	Western Tradition of Political Philosophy (HMRT)
POLS 2813	The Western Tradition of Political Philosophy II (HMRT)
POLS 3503	Human Rights and International Relations
SOCI 2416	Inequality in Society (WSGS)
SOCI 3313	Sociology of Law (CRIM)
SOCI 3323	Sociology of Women and Law (WSGS)
SOCI 3333	Social Control and Social Justice (CRIM)
STS 2603	Animals: Rights, Consciousness, and Experimentation
STS 2903	The Politics of Science
STS 3303	Sex, Science & Gender

LAPS-1003. Intro to Law, Politics, and Society

This course will introduce students to the relationships between law, politics, and Canadian society. Students will examine types of law, the judicial system, the legal profession, and the institutional, social, and cultural contexts in which laws are made and enforced. The course will engage students in debates about citizen rights, the policy-making role of courts, Aboriginal peoples and the law, public opinion and the legislative process, media and the law, and other topical issues.