

# Law and Justice - B.A.

College of  
Arts and Sciences

The Law and Justice program focuses on the relationships between law, politics, and society in the U.S. and abroad. Bound up in the study of law, politics, and society are fundamental issues of justice – basic rights, liberties, and struggle for political and social equality – that the program emphasizes. Drawing on multiple disciplines, Law and Justice offers students an opportunity to gain expertise related to law and law-related careers across multiple disciplines. Students develop expertise in the topic of law and courts and acquire skills in analytics and logic; writing, composition, and communication; and the ability to conduct original research. They may also gain practical experience through the program’s internship component. The program’s training prepares students to contribute to the most pressing societal issues in law and justice.

### 120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. See the complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the *Arts and Sciences* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog.

### UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

#### I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

AAS/ENG 168 All That Speak of Jazz:  
An Intellectual Inquiry into Jazz and Democracy ..... 3

#### II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

HIS 109 History of the United States Since 1877..... 3

#### III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

PS 230 Introduction to International Relations..... 3

#### IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list..... 3

#### V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I ..... 3

#### VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II ..... 3

#### VII. Quantitative Foundations

PHI 120 The Art of Thinking: An Introduction to Logic..... 3

#### VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:  
An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning ..... 3

#### IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

PS 101 American Government..... 3

#### X. Global Dynamics

PS 210 Introduction to Comparative Politics..... 3

**UK Core hours: ..... 30**

**Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)**  
LJ 499 Law and Justice Research Capstone ..... 3

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### Premajor Requirements (9 credit hours)

PS 101 American Government..... 3

LJ 201 Introduction to Law and Justice..... 3

PS 210 Introduction to Comparative Politics

or

PS 230 Introduction to International Relations..... 3

### Core Requirements (12 credit hours)

LJ 301 Rights and Equality..... 3

LJ 499 Law and Justice Research Capstone ..... 3

PS 360 Politics of Law and Courts ..... 3

PS 372 Introduction to Political Analysis ..... 3

### Guided Electives (30 credit hours)

#### Law and Courts Component

choose 12 credit hours from the following courses:

PS 363 Criminal Courts and Process in the US ..... 3

PS 365 Comparative Judicial Politics ..... 3

PS 381 Human Rights..... 3

PS 385 Bureaucratic Politics..... 3

\*PS 410 Topics in Regional Politics (Subtitle required) ..... 3

PS 436G International Organization ..... 3

PS 437G Dynamics of International Law ..... 3

PS 463G Judicial Politics..... 3

PS 465G Constitutional Law..... 3

PS 466 Sports, Politics, and Law ..... 3

PS 476G Legislative Process ..... 3

PS 566 Constitutional Interpretation..... 3

SOC 437 Sociology of Law ..... 3

SOC 439 Topics in Crime, Law, and Deviance (Subtitle required) ..... 3

LJ 391 Special Topics ..... 3

LJ 399 Law and Justice Internship..... 3

or any LJ prefix course 400 or above ..... 3

\* Subtitle: *European Union*

#### Justice and Rights Component

choose 6 credit hours from the following courses:

PS 381 Human Rights..... 3

PS 383 Cheating, Corruption, and Crime ..... 3

PS 461G Civil Liberties..... 3

PS 471/AAS 471 Race, Ethnicity, and Politics..... 3

\*\*PS 492 Seminar in Political Science (Subtitle required) ..... 3

SOC 235/AAS 235 Inequalities in Society..... 3

SOC 338 Family Violence ..... 3

SOC 339 Introduction to Criminology ..... 3

SOC 344 Social Movements..... 3

SOC 446 Mass Incarceration ..... 3

\*\*Subtitle: *Social and Political Movements*

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## Analysis and Logic Component

choose 3 credit hours from the following courses:

PHI 120 The Art of Thinking: An Introduction to Logic.....	3
PHI 320 Symbolic Logic I.....	3
STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning .....	3

## Law and Letters Component

choose 9 credit hours from the following courses:

ENG 168 All That Speak of Jazz: An Intellectual Inquiry into Jazz and Democracy.....	3
ENG 191 Literature and the Arts of Citizenship.....	3
ENG 335 Literature and the Law (Subtitle required) .....	3
ENG 336 Democracy's Diverse Stories (Subtitle required) .....	3
ENG 389 Law and Film (Subtitle required) .....	3
PHI 305 Health Care Ethics.....	3
PHI 330 Ethics.....	3
PHI 334 Business Ethics.....	3
PHI 335 The Individual & Society .....	3
PHI 336 Environmental Ethics .....	3
PHI 337 Introduction to Legal Philosophy.....	3
PHI 530 Ethical Theory .....	3
PHI 535 Social and Political Philosophy.....	3
PHI 537 Philosophy of Law.....	3
WRD 320 Rhetorical Theory and History .....	3
WRD 322 Rhetoric and Argument (Subtitle required) .....	3
WRD/ENG 301 Style for Writers .....	3
WRD/ENG 405 Editing English Prose .....	3
ANT 310 Cross-Cultural Law and Justice .....	3
HIS 108 History of the United States Before 1876.....	3
HIS 109 History of the United States After 1876 .....	3
HIS 243 Latinx Histories .....	3
HIS 260/AAS 260 African American History to 1865 .....	3
HIS 261/AAS 261 African American History 1865-Present .....	3
HIS 332 Crime in History.....	3
HIS 417 U.S. Social Movements Since 1789 .....	3
HIS 509 Roman Law .....	3
HIS 510 Medieval Civilization I.....	3
HIS 587/AAS 587 The Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. Since 1930 .....	3
AAS 200 Introduction to African-American Studies.....	3
CHE 250 Forensic Science on Television.....	3
AIS 410 Theology and Law in Islam.....	3
CLA 509 Roman Law .....	3

## Distribution Requirements

Students may not apply to their Law and Justice major more than 20 credit hours that have already been applied to another major or minor program.

## Electives

Choose electives to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.

**TOTAL HOURS:** ..... 120