

The Law, Justice, and Social Change (LJSC) 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 regards 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

Prospective minors must complete one prerequisite course with a C- grade or better in order to declare. First and second year students should enroll in either SOC 100 or SOC 102. Third and fourth year students should enroll in either SOC 300 or SOC 302. Students may also transfer in an approved Introduction to Sociology course from another institution. Prerequisite course credits DO NOT count toward the 15 required minor credits. Students should only take ONE prerequisite course; no credit will be granted for the second prerequisite course taken.

COURSES

A student must complete at least 15 credit hours with C- grades or better from the following list of approved courses.

- A minimum of 9 credits of which must be elected in the LJSC minor at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite)

- SOC 204: International Migration & the Politics of Membership in a Globalizing World
- SOC 208: Terrorism, Torture, & Violence
- SOC 214: Nonprofits
- SOC 225/325: Project Community - Criminal Justice
- SOC 250: Politics, Power, and Social Change
- 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 391: Justice in Action
- SOC 422: Latin America
- SOC 450: Human Rights in a Globalizing World
- SOC 461: Social Movements: Political Protest and Collective Resistance
- SOC 465: Sociology of Deviance: From Sin to Sickness
- SOC 468: Crime & Justice: Inside Out Prison Exchange
- SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics
- SOC 480: Environmental Justice
- Approved topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), 495

CREDIT/PLAN EXCLUSIONS

A maximum of 6 credits in the minor may come from SOC 394 SURO, SOC 395, and SOC 396.

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

At least 9 out of the 15 credits must be taken in-residence at U-M.

Students minoring in Crime & Justice or History of Law & Policy are not permitted to also declare the Law, Justice, and Social Change minor.

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

Prerequisite Course

Check ONE of the following: SOC 100 SOC 102 SOC 300 SOC 302

Minor Elective Credits

A student must complete at least 15 credit hours with a C- or better from the following list of courses

- A minimum of 9 credits of which must be elected in the LJSC minor at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 204 – Int'l Migration & Politics of Globalizing World | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 208 – Terrorism, Torture, & Violence | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 214 – Nonprofits | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 225/325 – Project Community: Criminal Justice | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 250 – Politics, Power, and Social Change | _____ | credits |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 350 – Human Rights and the U.N. | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 354 – Law and Society | _____ | credits |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 476 – Sociology of Bioethics | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 480 – Environmental Justice | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approved Topics in 295, 394, 395, 396, or 495 | _____ | credits |

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