

JUSTICE, LAW AND SOCIETY MINOR

Interdisciplinary Minor

The minor in Justice, Law and Society provides an interdisciplinary study of justice, law, civil liberties, crime and ethics in both domestic and global contexts, from a variety of social sciences and humanities perspectives. The Minor explores a range of topics, such as social control, variant behaviors, legal processes and human rights, as well as crime ranging from street violence to complex organizational crime. The Minor is open to students with various majors and encourages them to: explore theoretical explanations of justice, law, civil rights, and criminal activities; and to use an array of research tools to study incidence, prevention, and reduction policies associated with American and international legal systems.

The minor prepares students for post-graduate study at more than 30 Ph.D. and 100 Master's and certificate programs here in the U.S. Juris Doctor programs (law school) or combined law and Master's programs in criminology may also be of interest to students with this minor.

Students seeking entry level positions in law firms, advocacy organizations, government, non-profits, and social service agencies involved with the administration of justice will find the Justice, Law and Society minor has provided useful theoretical and practical concepts.

Justice, Law & Society Minor Requirements

This interdisciplinary minor consists of seven courses (28 credits).

Code	Title	Credits	Notes
Core Courses		8	
SOC 101	Intro to Sociology		
SOC 240	Criminology		
Select 1 Criminology Course From Below		4	
SOC 340	Victimology		
SOC 341	Variant Behavior		
SOC 342	Sociology of Punishment		
SOC 343	Women, Crime & the Crim. Justice System		
SOC 344	Sociology of Gangs		
SOC 340	Victimology		
SOC 347	Juvenile Delinq & Social Welfr		
Select 1 Sociology Course From Below (Can Not Use A Criminology Course Chosen Above)		4	
SOC 221	Social Inequalities		
SOC 340	Victimology		
SOC 341	Variant Behavior		
SOC 342	Sociology of Punishment		
SOC 343	Women, Crime & the Crim. Justice System		
SOC 344	Sociology of Gangs		
SOC 483	Field Experience in Social Welfare		
SOC 484	Field Experience in Social Welfare		
Select 3 Courses From Below		12	
ANT 109	Intro to Geographic Information Systems		
ANT 275	Prisons, Punishment, and Social Control		
ANT 340	Inside-Out		
BUS 303	Legal Environment of Business		
POL 202	Justice, Power, and Political Thought		
POL 320	Law and Society		
POL 323	Constitutional Law		
POL 374	International Organization & Law		
PHL 210	Introduction to Political Philosophy		
PHL 225	Ethical Theory		

PHL 300	Business Ethics	_____
PHL 303	Environmental Ethics	_____
PHL 325	Biomedical Ethics	_____
PHL 335	Philosophy of Law	_____
Total Credits		28

Some Special Topics courses may be used to meet Criminology and/or Additional Sociology Course options as well as electives with approval from the director.

Rachel M. Durso, Director

Major

- Sociology Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/sociology/sociology-major/>)

Minor

- Social Welfare Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/social-welfare-minor/>)
- Sociology Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/sociology/sociology-minor/>)

Pre-Professional

- Pre-Law Preparation (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/professional-programs/pre-law-preparation/>)