

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:

LAPS 1003	Intro to Law, Politics, and Society
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
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
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

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) 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
CRIM 2253	Crime and Society in Historical Perspective (HMRT)
HMRT 3033	Philosophy of Human Rights
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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.

Corequisite

LAPS 1003	Introduction to Law, Politics and Society
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Open Elective

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

Case Study: Law and Psychology

CRIM 2123

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

Case Studies

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. Introduction 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.