Socio-Legal Studies, Certificate

Put your understanding of the legal system into action once you understand the impacts our legal system has on society and how people experience law in their everyday lives.

Description

The distinction between law on the books and law in action, which refers to how people experience law in their everyday lives, is a cornerstone of the certificate program.

The undergraduate certificate program in socio-legal studies offers a model for educating and training students in the study of legal ideas, institutions and practices from the perspectives of the social sciences, law and the humanities.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Program Requirements

Certificate Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Certificate Map

Students must complete 15 credit hours with at least 12 credit hours completed at the upper-division level. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) is required for a course to count toward the certificate.

Core Theory and Foundation Courses (choose two) -- 6 credit hours

JUS 303: Justice Theory (L) (3)
JUS 308: Courts and Society (3)
JUS 360 / CRJ 350: Law and Social Control (SB) (3)
JUS 410: Punishment: Logic and Approach (3)
JUS 463: Discretionary Justice (SB) or CRJ 470: Discretionary Justice (L or SB) (3)
JUS 465: Death Penalty in the United States (L) (3)
PHI 307: Philosophy of Law (HU) (3)
PHI 336: Social and Political Philosophy (HU) (3)
PHI 408: Feminist Ethics (HU) (3)
POS 315: The Supreme Court (SB) (3)
POS 465: International Organization and Law (SB & G) (3)
POS 471: Constitutional Law I (SB) (3)
POS 472: Constitutional Law II (SB) (3)

Interdisciplinary Elective Component (choose three) -- 9 credit hours

Interdisciplinary electives must be taken from at least two different academic disciplines. Any course listed below may count towards this requirement. Other courses can be approved by the certificate program director.

AFR 215: Bob Marley and Reggae: Lyrics of Resistance (HU & G) (3)
AFR 301 / JUS 300: Race and Racism in Africa/African Diaspora (SB & G) (3)
AFR 304 / JUS 304: Islands of Globalization: Caribbean Politics and Political Economy (SB & G & H) (3)
AFR 420 / JUS 421: Race Ethnicity and Politics in the African Diaspora (SB & G) (3)
AFR 428 / JUS 428 / APA 428 / SST 428: Critical Race Theory (3)
CRJ 305: Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice (C) (3)
CRJ 306: Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Criminal Justice (C) (3)
JUS 329: Domestic Violence (SB) (3)
JUS 350: Immigration and Justice (SB & C) (3)
JUS 374: The Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights (3)
JUS 422 / WST 422: Women, Law, and Social Control (3)
JUS 425: Race, Gender, and Justice ((L or SB) & C) (3)
JUS 430: Social Protest, Conflict, and Change ((L or SB) & C) (3)
JUS 432: Racial Justice (L) (3)
JUS 467: Terrorism, War, and Justice (SB) (3)
JUS 469: Political Deviance and the Law ((L or SB) & C) (3)
JUS 470: Alternative Dispute Resolution (L & C) (3)
JUS 484: Internship (3)
JUS 498: Pro-Seminar (3)
POS 370: Law and Society (SB) (3)
POS 470: Law and the Political Order (SB) (3)
PSY 468: Psychology and Law (3)
SOC 340: The Sociology of Deviance (SB) (3)
SOC 445: Globalization, Development, and Resistance (SB & G) (3)
TCL 335 / HST 323 / AFR 335: Historical Studies in Race, Crime, and the Law (3)
TCL 340: Chicana/o and Latina/o Politics and Policy (L & C) (3)
Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

**Enrollment Requirements**

Students who have attained sophomore standing (30 credit hours) in any undergraduate degree program at ASU are eligible for admission to the certificate program for socio-legal studies. There is no formal admission procedure, but students should contact the certificate program director or an academic advisor in the School of Social Transformation as soon as they decide to pursue the certificate.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates who have combined the certificate in socio-legal studies with their major program of study may be more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in law, education, public service, and human welfare and social work. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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