
Socio-Legal Studies Certificate

Catalog Year: 2015 and forward

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 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.

Program Requirements

1. Core Theory and Foundation Courses (choose two courses)

- HON 494 – Great Traditions of Jurisprudence
- JUS 303 – Justice Theory, L
- PHI 307 Philosophy of Law, HU
- PHI 336 Social and Political Philosophy, HU
- PHI 408 Feminist Ethics, HU
- JUS 308 – Courts and Society
- JUS 360/CRJ 350 – Law and Social Control, SB
- JUS 410 – Punishment: Logic and Approach
- JUS 463/CRJ 470 – Discretionary Justice, L or SB
- JUS 465 – Death Penalty in the United States, L
- JUS 479 Law and Disputing, L or SB
- POS 315 The Supreme Court, SB
- POS 465 International Organizations and Law, SB, G
- POS 471 Constitutional Law I, SB
- POS 472 Constitutional Law II, SB

2. Interdisciplinary Elective Component (choose three)

To provide students an opportunity to focus on specific issues and social problems while also providing a broad interdisciplinary framework, students will select three electives. These courses must be taken from at least two different academic units. 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
- AFR/AFS 301/JUS 300 Race and Racism in Africa/African Diaspora, SB, G
- AFR/AFS 304/JUS 304 Islands of Globalization: Caribbean Politics and Political Economy, SB, G, H
- AFR 414/JUS 414 Black Political Movements: Pan Africanism to Black Power, SB, G, H
- AFR 420/JUS 421 Race, Ethnicity and Politics in African Diaspora, SB, G
- AFR/APA/JUS/SST 428 Critical Race Theory

- ASB 445 Globalization, Development and Resistance, SB, G
- CRJ 305 Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice, C
- CRJ 306 Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Criminal Justice, C
- HON 310 Justice and Law
- HON 410 Philosophy, Politics and Law
- HST 306 Topic: US Race and the Law, HU or SB, H
- JUS 329 Domestic Violence, SB (3) or CRJ 461 Domestic Violence
- JUS 350 Immigration and Justice, SB, G
- JUS 374 The Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights
- JUS 422/WST 422 Women, Law and Social Control
- JUS 425 Race, Gender and Justice, L or SB, C
- JUS 430 Social Protest, Conflict and Change, L or SB, C
- JUS 432 Racial Justice, L
- JUS 450 Alternatives to Incarceration, L
- JUS 467 Terrorism, War and Justice, SB
- JUS 469 Political Deviance and the Law, L or SB, C
- JUS 470 Alternative Dispute Resolution, L, C
- JUS 474 Legislation of Morality, L or SB, C
- JUS 484 Internship
- JUS 498 Pro-Seminar
- POS 370 Law and Society, SB
- POS 470 Law and the Political Order, SB
- PSY 468 Psychology and Law
- SOC 340 The Sociology of Deviance, SB
- SOC 445 Globalization, Development and Resistance, SB, G
- SOC 446 Sociology of Crime, SB
- TCL 335/HST 323/AFR 335 Historical Studies in Race, Crime and the Law
- TCL 340 Chicana/o and Latina/o Politics and Policy, L, C
- WST 345 Gender, Religion and Global Violence, SB, G
- WST 375 Women and Social Change, SB, C (3)

Enrollment Requirements: Students who have attained junior standing (56 credit hours) in any undergraduate degree program at ASU are eligible for admission to the certificate in socio-legal studies. There is no formal admission procedure, but students should contact the certificate in socio-legal studies program director or advisor as soon as they decide to pursue the certificate.