

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, explores how law is made and changed, and 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:

- 1) LAPS 1003 Intro to Law, Politics, and Society
- 2) *One additional 1,000-level course from among the following:*
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| CRIM 1013 | Introduction to Criminology |
| CRIM 1023 | Introduction to Criminal Justice |
| HMRT 1006 | Introduction to Human Rights |
| POLS 1013 | Law, Power, and Politics |
| POLS 1103 | Canadian Government |
- 3) *At least 6 credit hours from the following list of core courses in Category I:*
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| CRIM 2123 | Criminal Law |
| HMRT 3063 | Humanitarian Law and Human Rights |
| NATI 3903 | Native People and the Law I |
| POLS 2103 | Canadian Constitutional Politics |
| PSYC 2233 | Introduction to Psychology and the Law |
- 4) *At least 6 credit hours from the following list of core courses in Category II:*
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| 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 |
- 5) *At least 6 credit hours from the courses listed at the 3000 or 4000 levels.*
- 6) *Other courses from the list of Courses section below.*

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) *One other 1000-level course in the LAPS program list*

3) 6 credit hours from this list:

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| CRIM 2123 | Criminal Law |
| HMRT 3063 | Humanitarian Law and Human Rights |
| NATI 3903 | Native People and the Law I |
| POLS 2103 | Canadian Constitutional Politics |
| PSYC 2233 | Introduction to Psychology and the Law |

4) 6 credit hours from the following list:

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| 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 |

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.

Course List

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| LAPS 1003 | Introduction to Law, Politics and Society |
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Other 1000-level courses:

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| CRIM 1013 | Introduction to Criminology |
| CRIM 1023 | Introduction to Criminal Justice |
| HMRT 1006 | Introduction to Human Rights |
| POLS 1013 | Law, Power, and Politics |
| POLS 1103 | Canadian Government |

Category I: Law and Politics Courses

These courses focus on the institutional features of law, law-making, and legal enforcement.

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| CRIM 2123 | Criminal Law |
| CRIM 2233 | Police and the Canadian Community |
| CRIM 3143 | Charter Rights and Criminal Justice |
| CRIM 3223 | Criminal Procedure |
| CRIM 3243 | Advanced Criminal Law |
| CRIM 3503 | Wrongful Conviction! |
| HIST 2453 | History of the United Nations |
| HIST 3163 | Gandhi, India and the World, c. 1850 to Present (PEAC) |
| HIST 3413 | Citizens and Citizenship in World History |
| HIST 3943 | Genocide in Twentieth-Century History |
| HIST 4946 | Genocide in World History |
| HMRT 3113 | The Charter |
| HMRT 3063 | Humanitarian Law and Human Rights |
| HMRT 3123 | International Human Rights |
| HMRT 3506 | Moot Court |
| NATI 3903 | Native People and the Law I |
| NATI 3923 | Aboriginal Rights: The Land Question |
| NATI 3933 | Aboriginal Peoples and International Law (HMRT) |

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| 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 |
| 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 |

Category II: Law and Society Courses

These courses examine the links between law and dynamic social, economic, and cultural forces.

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| ANTH 3443 | Forensic Osteology and Archaeology |
| COPP 3033 | Public Policy and the Media |
| CRIM 2253 | Crime and Society in Historical Perspective (HMRT) |
| CRIM 3123 | Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice |
| ENVS 3013 | Environmental Policy |
| GRID 2206 | Human Nature and Technology |
| GRID 3306 | Justice |
| GRID 3506 | Freedom |
| 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 |
| PSYC 3433 | Psychology of Social Influence |
| PSYC 4413 | Seminar in Prejudice and Discrimination |
| 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. Intro 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.