WHY DO PEOPLE OBEY LAWS? HOW DOES LAW EMPOWER AND CONSTRAIN INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES? HOW DO THE STRUCTURES AND VALUES OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS SHAPE LAW AND HOW DOES LAW SHAPE THEM? CAN WE ACHIEVE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH THE COURTS?

If you are interested in these questions, the Law and Society major may be a good fit for you. Organized around the theme of understanding law as an instrument of political and social change, the Law and Society major will advance your knowledge of law and legal phenomena from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, including Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, History, Philosophy and others.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN ABOUT IN THIS MAJOR?

Explore multidisciplinary perspectives on law and legal institutions, their impact on society, and society’s impact on them.

Understand the relationship between law and social and political change.

Acquire the tools to investigate the relationship between law and society using a variety of research methods.

Improve your oral and written communication skills, your ability to analyze arguments critically, and your ability to develop and express coherent arguments.

Develop your own original research project examining a topic in law and society.

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR

Law and Society 200 Introduction to Law and Society
History 277 American Legal History
Political Science 250 International Law and Justice
Sociology 206 The Sociology of Conflict and Dispute Resolution

The prerequisites for the major are Political Science 101 and Sociology 101.

See further major requirements at: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/5306.php
What Critical Thinking Skills Will You Develop in This Major?

- Thinking analytically
- Writing persuasively
- Reading and listening critically
- Researching and organizing data systematically

Depending on Your Interests, What Minor Might Be a Good Complement to This Major?

- Anthropology
- Criminology
- Dispute Resolution
- Economics
- English
- Human Rights
- Humanities and Justice
- Latin American and Latina/o Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Sociology

For more information about minors, go to:
http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/662.php

What Opportunities Will This Major Offer You?

One of the great strengths of the Law and Society major at John Jay is that it takes advantage of the wide range of expertise among faculty in numerous disciplines whose teaching and research support the mission of the major. The major also offers opportunities for internships. Furthermore, you can be part of one of the newest majors at the College.

This Major Can Be a Great Foundation for a Wide Range of Jobs, But Some Possibilities to Consider Are:

- Public sector agencies at city, state and federal level
- Non-governmental policy organizations
- Legal careers
- Judicial administration
- Private sector firms

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