MAJOR  BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LAW AND SOCIETY

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?

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.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL

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

POL 101: American Government and Politics
SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology
LWS 200: Introduction to Law and Society

Beyond these introductory courses, students will have the option to take courses addressing law and society in a variety of disciplines, including Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Philosophy, History, and Latin American and Latinx Studies.

See further major requirements at: www.jjay.cuny.edu/law-and-society-major-resources
WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?
- Thinking analytically
- Writing persuasively
- Reading and listening critically
- Researching and organizing data systematically

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 offers internship opportunities in New York City, Albany, and Washington, D.C., as well as the opportunity to participate in faculty-led research projects.

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?
- Anthropology
- Criminology
- Dispute Resolution
- Economics
- English
- Human Rights
- Humanities and Justice
- Latin American and Latinx Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Sociology

For more information about minors, go to: www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors

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