

LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE



The undergraduate program in Law and Social Justice provides students with an interdisciplinary curriculum that engages in critical analysis of justice issues. In Law and Social Justice, we seek to discover the social and historical roots of justice and injustice and examine how popular understandings of these principles shape public policies, including those of the legal system. The program consists of courses in history, politics/government, law, social and behavioral sciences, economics, and the environment. The program provides students with a broad but intensive understanding and appreciation of the social, ethical, political, and cultural issues pertinent to social justice and the law. Through critical inquiry, social science investigation, and experiential learning, Law and Social Justice students will develop an understanding of important social, ethical, political, environmental, economical, and cultural issues associated to the law by studying the structural roots of crime and examining the legal and social concerns of diverse, urban, low-income, and disenfranchised communities whose members are often clients of the criminal justice system.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Social Justice provides excellent preparation for employment in an extensive range of careers. This major not only prepares the student for a profession with advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, federal, state, and local governmental institutions, or any employer seeking people with strong skills in research, writing, analysis, and advocacy with contemporary legal and social issues, it is also an excellent choice for professionals seeking advancement in criminal justice/law enforcement careers and for students considering advanced study in social services, urban and regional planning or law.

Program Objectives:

Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:

1. develop ethical decision-making skills guided by the values, principles and standards of the law and social justice professions, particularly the values of self-determination, empowerment, and regard for diversity.
2. analyze philosophies associated with different economic systems and their effects on people and environments.
3. produce local, regional, and international research using statistical and qualitative methods into social injustice and propose provisional solutions.
4. analyze skills and attitudes that promote effective leadership and responsible administration of organizations in the legal and social justice fields.
5. formulate effective communication skills both orally and in writing with particular emphasis on informative and persuasive argumentation supported by logic, legal precedent, and scholarly research.
6. analyze situations according to different social, historical, and political paradigms.
7. compare various political systems that affect economic and social policy.
8. evaluate contemporary and historical effects of urban migration, industrialization, land ownership, urbanization and new technologies on specific social groups and societies.

Admission Requirements:

All candidates for admission must pass the College's entrance examination requirements or successful completion of the Paralegal Studies Associate of Applied Science degree. Each candidate for admission is considered individually on merit and potential.

Graduation Requirements:

A grade of "C" or better must be achieved in all courses to be eligible to graduate. To remain in good standing a GPA of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale is required.



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Major:	Quarter Hours:
CIS114 Computer Usage and Software Applications	4
CIS116 Spreadsheet Applications	4
ECO342 Economics of Globalization	4
ECO348 Urban Economic Development	4
LSJ101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
LSJ110 Introduction to Social Justice	4
LSJ310 Theories of Justice and Social Change (Justice and Equality)	4
LSJ316 Women, Justice, and the Law	4
LSJ320 Law and Racism in America	4
LSJ325 Community Organizing/Community Law	4
LSJ331 Workers' Rights and Human Rights	4
LSJ338 Juvenile Justice System	4
LSJ354 Politics of Punishment, Analyzing Prisons and Jails	4
LSJ361 Public Administration	4
LSJ385 Professionalism and Ethics	4
LSJ450 Research Methods	4
LSJ495 Law and Social Justice Internship	4
Total Hours	68
General Education:	Quarter Hours:
ECO144 Introduction to Macroeconomics	4
ENG109 Principles of Speech	4
ENG116 Composition	4
ENG117 Advanced Composition	4
ENG310 Technical Writing	4
HUM110 Human Potential	4
HUM201 Professional Development	4
MAT161 Calculus for Business and Social Sciences	6
PSC110 Introduction to American Government	4
PSY140 Introduction to Psychology	4
SOC100 Introduction to Sociology	4
SOC300 Social Psychology	4
Total Hours	50
General Education Electives:	Quarter Hours:
Upper-Division Humanities	4
Life Science with Lab	6
Upper-Division Social/Behavioral Sciences	4
Total Hours	14
Open Electives:	Quarter Hours:
Open Electives	12
Total Hours	12
LSJ Electives:	Quarter Hours:
LSJ Electives	44
Electives must support knowledge of legal and/or social justice.	
Total Hours	44
Total Hours Required for Degree	188

Gainful Employment Disclosure: Law and Social Justice, Bachelor of Arts Degree

Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program:

<https://www.midstate.edu/programs/disclosures/LSJ>