



Arts &
Sciences

Application: Law and Society Minor

The Minor in Law in Society is an interdisciplinary minor based in the Sociology Department at GWU. It is selective; students must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 and completion of at least 30 credit hours at GW. (Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis, e.g. transfer student.) Declare the minor directly with the program director (lawandsociety@email.gwu.edu). Complete these forms and include an unofficial transcript with these application/declaration materials.

Student's name:

GWID #:

GW email:

Local phone number:

Your cumulative GPA at GW (must be at least 3.3):

Total number of credit hours completed at GW (must be at least 30):

Expected date of graduation (semester and year):

How did you hear about the law and society minor?

Student's signature:

v. 11.08.2023

Guidelines for SOC 2988, for interested students and faculty supervising the students:

The Law and Society internship, SOC 2988, requires that students work for an agency, organization, or business engaged in law that allows the intern to **understand, experience, or engage with law in a meaningful and substantive way**. The internship should enable practical or applied learning about one or more dimensions of law. Internships may be paid or unpaid but may not be merely or mostly clerical. For this three-credit course, the student should complete a minimum of 15 hours of work per week for their internship.

In addition to the internship, students are required to complete **complementary academic work** substantively related to the internship. The typical product is a research paper of at least 15 pages. Faculty have the discretion to offer alternative complimentary academic components, e.g. two shorter papers, presentation, or podcast. Faculty may also factor in internship hours worked or the type of work the student is completing for the external employer. **Mutually agreed upon goals and products** between the faculty supervisor and student are encouraged to enhance student learning.

To take SOC 2988, students need the following:

1. A suitable internship.
2. A faculty member who is willing to supervise the academic portion of the internship.
 - The faculty advisor does not have to be a professor in Sociology, nor be a full-time instructor. There is no compensation for the faculty advisor.
3. Fill out an RTF-EZ* and submit it to the registrar – registrar@gwu.edu – from your GW email.
 - The class is usually taken pass/no pass, but may be taken for a grade with the agreement of the supervising faculty member. Choose the correct 'Grade Mode' on the RTF.
 - *In rare cases such as a late deadline or choosing to take the class for a letter grade, an RTF classic, not an RTF-EZ must be used, and submitted to CCAS.
 - If the supervising faculty member requests it, the RTF or RTF-EZ can be signed by the Director of the Law and Society program.
4. **Mutual written agreement** between the supervising faculty member and the student on the requirements for the academic portion of the internship.

The minimum requirements for the faculty supervisor are to identify:

1. The complimentary academic work required e.g. research paper, including length, or alternative product.
2. The required communication over the semester, e.g. weekly, monthly, or bi-semester meetings.
3. The end of semester deadline.

Faculty supervisors may have additional requirements, such as weekly journals or contact between the on-site internship supervisor and the faculty supervisor.

Both students and faculty may wish to consult with the requirements of [CCAS 2154](#), for a comparable framework of an internship completed for academic credit. Some prompts from the CCAS 2154 application form are noted below; these might be useful for students or faculty in thinking about the structure and content of SOC 2988.

1. What tentative topics/proposals do you have for your research paper?
2. What books, articles, publications, etc. will you read relevant to your internship?
3. How often will you meet with your Faculty Advisor?
4. Discuss the nature of your internship and describe your specific responsibilities.
5. How does this internship complement your academic studies at the Columbian College?
6. What are your specific learning objectives for this internship and in what ways will this experience allow you to accomplish those objectives?

DECLARATION OF MAJOR/MINOR

CCAS Undergraduate Services Office
 801 22nd St, NW
 Phillips Hall 107
 Washington, DC 20052
 Phone: (202) 994-6210 Fax: (202) 994-6213



Today's Date _____

Designated faculty members in each area of study will grant Major/Minor approvals. To declare a major/minor, visit the department **in person** and meet with the relevant individual(s) to fill out this document. Once you have completed and signed it, return this form to CCAS Undergraduate Advising (Phillips Hall 107).

Name: _____ GWID:

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Last Name First Name M.I.

Daytime Phone: _____ GW E-mail: _____@gwmail.gwu.edu

Name of Major(s)

BA BS BFA

Add Drop Keep

Concentration (if applicable): _____

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Add Drop Keep

Concentration (if applicable): _____

Name of Faculty Advisor

If you list two majors, mark one of the below options:

Double major (two majors, one degree, 120 hrs.)

*Double degree (two majors, two degrees, 150 hrs.)

**requires separate application*

Name of Minor(s)

Add Drop Keep

Add Drop Keep

Name of Faculty Advisor

To declare a major or minor, the approved Plan of Study must be completed on side 2 of this form.

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Tentative Plan of Study for the Law and Society Minor* (Indicate which courses you intend to take and when)			
Required Courses:			
Semester/Year	Department & Course Title		
	SOC 2167 or SOC 2167W Sociology of Law (note: Prerequisites are SOC 1001/1002 and SOC 1003)		
	UW 2031 or UW 2031W Equality and the Law		
At least one secondary foundation course:			
Semester/Year	Department & Course Title		
	PHIL 3142 or PHIL 3142W Philosophy of Law		
	PSC 2214 U.S. Constitutional Law and Politics I (note: Prerequisite of PSC 1002)		
	PSC 2215 U.S. Constitutional Law and Politics II (note: Prerequisite of PSC 1002)		
Three additional courses, which may include any of the secondary courses listed, or the following classes:			
Semester/Year	Department & Course Title	Semester/Year	Department & Course Title
	ACCY 3601 Business Law: Contracts, Torts, and Property		PSC 2230 Law and Justice: The View from Hollywood
	ACCY 4601 Business Law: Enterprise Organization		PSC 2367 Human Rights
	BADM 4101 Business Ethics and the Legal Environment		PSC 2444 Public International Law
	ECON 3190 Law and Economics		PUBH 3115 Global Health and Human Rights
	HIST 3370 U.S. Constitutional History		PUBH 3136 Health Law
	GEOG 3193 Environmental Law and Policy		SMPA 2173 Media Law
	IAFF 2444 International Law		SOC 2143: Criminal Justice System Arrest through Appeal
	IAFF 3190 Humanitarian Assistance and International Development Law		SOC 2145 Criminal Law
	IAFF 3190 Global Telecom & Internet Law		SOC 2146 The Bill of Rights and Criminal Justice
	MAE 3171 Patent Law for Engineers		SOC 2988 Internship in Law and Society
	PSC 2213 Judicial Politics		WGSS 3470 Sexuality and the Law

***No more than two courses from a department may be used to fulfill this minor, except SOC 2988, if chosen.**

As university course offerings change regularly, if students identify additional or alternative electives which they believe may be appropriate for the Law and Society Minor, they are welcome to identify those to the Director to request that class be considered a suitable class for credit in the minor. If changes to the requirements in the University Bulletin are allowed but not listed on this form, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that these changes are communicated officially to the Undergraduate Advising Office.

Departmental Approval(s)

Please note: Certain departments may require a faculty advisor's approval in addition to that of the department.

Departmental Approval (1st Major/Minor) _____ **Date:** _____

Departmental Approval (2nd Major/Minor) _____ **Date:** _____

I have reviewed the requirements for the major(s) and the minor(s) (where applicable) as stated in the current University Bulletin and understand what I must do to meet them.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____