• Want to combine your major with a focus on law – from media to public health to business and beyond?

• Want to understand why law and lawyers are so influential in our society?

• Want a career in law?

• Want to expand your critical thinking skills?

• Want to learn how to do legal research or to understand legal reasoning?

• Want an internship in law?

For any or all of these learning opportunities, consider the GW interdisciplinary minor in:

LAW & SOCIETY

QUESTIONS?

The minimum requirement to declare a Law & Society minor is a 3.3 GPA based on at least 30 credit hours of coursework at GW.

The minor consists of 18 credit hours (excluding prerequisites). Note: no more than two courses may be counted for both the Law & Society minor and any other major or minor. And no more than two courses may come from one department except SOC 2988.

For more information and downloadable application forms go to:

https://sociology.columbian.gwu.edu/minor-law-society

If you have questions, please contact the program director:

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MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Two foundation courses:
- SOC 2167 Sociology of Law
- UW 2031W Equality & the Law: An Introduction to Legal Research & Writing

At least one secondary foundation course selected from:
- AMST 1160 Race, Gender & Law
- PHIL 3142 Philosophy of Law
- PSC 2214 U.S. Constitutional Law & Politics I
- PSC 2215 U.S. Constitutional Law & Politics II

Three elective courses selected from the list above or below:
- Any of the secondary foundation courses
- BADM 4101 Business Law & Ethics
- ECON 3190 Law & Economics
- HIST 3370 U.S. Constitutional History
- MAE 3171 Patent Law for Engineers
- PSC 2213 Judicial Politics
- PSC 2444 Public International Law
- PUBH 3136 Health Law
- SMPA 2173 Media Law
- SOC 2145 Criminal Law
- SOC 2146 The Bill of Rights & Criminal Justice
- SOC 2988 Internship in Law & Society (formerly PSC 2988)
- WSTU 3470 Sexuality & Law

Law is everywhere in our lives. It literally shapes what it means to be female or male, a child or adult, a citizen or non-citizen. Law helps to determine the quality of our water and food. It determines what rights we have to sue or be sued, to be protected by law enforcement or from law enforcement. Law is too important to all of us to be left only to lawyers and legislators. We need to know what the law says, and how and why it works as it does—or doesn’t.

Housed in the Department of Sociology, the Law & Society minor reflects a well-established interdisciplinary area of study. Many GW faculty members currently research, publish, and teach in the law and society arena, and a number of departments offer classes examining the relationship between law and their disciplines. The minor reflects and contributes to GW’s strategic plan by promoting innovation though cross-disciplinary collaboration, citizenship and leadership, and governance and policy. Many GW students are already interested in the area of law. The Law & Society minor offers an excellent opportunity to develop a critical and comprehensive understanding of the place of law in society.

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