

LAW AND HUMANITIES, CERTIFICATE

The Certificate in Law and Humanities promotes the interdisciplinary study of law through the lens of the humanities. It addresses the broader cultural, theoretical, and historical contexts of law. The certificate's courses provide a critical understanding of legal systems through the analysis of law within the context of various disciplines, like literature, history, cultural and media studies, philosophy and religion. Through this study, you will develop ethical, analytical, and communicative skills like critical textual analysis and writing that are necessary for careers in diverse professional paths that have a connection to law. Such a cross-disciplinary dialogue between law and other fields opens the door to a broader and more complex understanding of law and justice.

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No application required. For information on how to declare, visit Advising & Careers.

REQUIREMENTS

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The Certificate requires a minimum of five courses and a minimum of 15 credits. The courses must be distributed as follows:

Complete one course from the Introduction to Law and Humanities section, three courses from Themes in Law and Humanities, and one course from the Capstone Experience.

INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND HUMANITIES

Complete one course from:

Code	Title	Credits
LEGAL ST 213	Introduction to Law and Humanities	3

THEMES IN LAW AND HUMANITIES

Complete three courses from:

Code	Title	Credits
HISTORY/ ED POL 143	History of Race and Inequality in Urban America	3
HISTORY 155	The Long Black Freedom Struggle from the Civil War to the Present	3-4
HISTORY 201	The Historian's Craft (*Shanghai Life and Crime)	3-4
HISTORY/ AFROAMER 393	Slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction, 1848-1877	3-4
HISTORY 450	Making of Modern South Asia	3-4
HISTORY/ AFROAMER 628	History of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States	3
JOURN 563	Law of Mass Communication	4

LEGAL ST/ ENGL 160	Truth and Crime	3
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 235	Prisons: From Antiquity to Supermax	3-4
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 261	American Legal History to 1860	3-4
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 262	American Legal History, 1860 to the Present	3-4
LEGAL ST 407	Jurisprudence and Social Issues	3
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 426	The History of Punishment	3-4
LEGAL ST 450	Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities	3-4
LEGAL ST/L I S 460	Surveillance, Privacy, and Police Powers	3
L I S 461	Data and Algorithms: Ethics and Policy	3
PHILOS 241	Introductory Ethics	3-4
PHILOS 341	Contemporary Moral Issues	3-4
PHILOS 504	Special Topics in the Theory of Knowledge (Bayesian Epistemology)	3
PHILOS/L I S 544	Advanced Ethics of Data and Artificial Intelligence	4
PHILOS/ MED HIST 505	Justice and Health Care	3
PHILOS 516	Language and Meaning	3
PHILOS 530	Freedom Fate and Choice	3
PHILOS 555	Political Philosophy	3
RELIG ST/JEWISH/ LEGAL ST 203	Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics	3
RELIG ST/ JEWISH 214	Religion and the First Amendment	3
RELIG ST/ ENVR ST 270	The Environment: Religion & Ethics	3-4
RELIG ST/ POLI SCI 433	Religion and Politics	3-4
RELIG ST/ PHILOS 501	Philosophy of Religion	3-4

THE CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

Complete one course from:

Code	Title	Credits
HISTORY 500	Reading Seminar in History (*Chinese Legal History)	3
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (*Law & the Sacred; *Genocide, War Crimes Trials, and Human Rights in the 20th Century)	3
LEGAL ST/ ENVR ST/ HISTORY 430	Law and Environment: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	3
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 459	Rule of Law: Philosophical and Historical Models	3-4
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 476	Medieval Law and Society	3

LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 477	History of Forensic Science	3
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 510	Legal Pluralism	3

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- Minimum 2.000 GPA on all certificate courses.
- At least 8 certificate credits must be completed in residence.

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Examine the interplay between law and cultural expressions: Explain how law both shapes and is shaped by cultural narratives, social norms, philosophy, history, and artistic representations.
2. Apply critical methods of inquiry used in humanistic fields like literature, history, and philosophy to the analysis of legal topics.
3. Develop interdisciplinary arguments: Construct arguments that integrate legal reasoning with insights from the humanities, demonstrating an ability to navigate between different forms of analysis.
4. Interpret legal texts through humanistic lenses: Analyze legal texts such as statutes and judicial opinions using tools from literature, philosophy, history, and cultural studies.
5. Develop and communicate original ideas and arguments clearly and persuasively in both oral and written forms.

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ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

Please schedule an advising appointment using Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=service/64448/schedule>).

If you are not a current UW–Madison student, please email us at cjcp@ssc.wisc.edu to schedule a meeting.

MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Speed Mentoring: Each fall and spring we hold speed mentoring events (<https://criminaljustice.wisc.edu/resources/mentoring/>) to provide our students an opportunity to connect one-on-one with community members within the legal, criminal, justice, policy, and nonprofit fields.

Peer Mentoring: Join the student-led group (<https://criminaljustice.wisc.edu/peermentoring/>) created to help students declared in majors and certificates in the Center for Law, Society, and Justice navigate classes, schedules, homework, and more, all in a fun and

social setting. You choose what communication method works for you, how involved you want to be, and what your involvement looks like.

STUDY ABROAD

Learning in Letters & Science emphasizes discovery, growth, understanding different perspectives, and challenging yourself, which makes studying abroad an excellent fit for many L&S students: studyabroad.wisc.edu (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/>)

As a university with global influence, we have more than 300 study abroad programs (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/programs/>) in over 80 countries. These vary in length, academic focus, teaching format, language requirements, cost, and level of independence. There are many programs to complement every major (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/academics/major-advising-pages-maps/>) and any year of college (including the final semester)—and all meet UW–Madison's high academic standards. Students admitted into Letters & Science can even choose a short program in the summer before they start college or their whole first year: studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch (<http://studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch/>). Talk with your academic advisor about how studying abroad might fit with your academic plan.

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try "Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them," (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students