

LAW AND SOCIETY, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)

Overview

The Law and Society Program involves the study of law and legal systems as they relate to the larger societies of which they are a part. While the program is of special interest to students who plan careers in government service or law, many of the majors simply share a desire to understand the role of law in society.

Some of the questions students will encounter in courses in this program include: Do all societies have law? Why do legal systems develop? What purposes are served by the law? Why do different societies develop different types of law? How are legal resources distributed within societies? How does one determine if a law is constitutional? How does one know if a law is just? While these are only examples of the issues addressed by the program, they do suggest the breadth of the concerns involved.

The Law and Society major seeks to understand the nature of law and legal institutions from a variety of perspectives. The program is interdisciplinary, with courses offered in the following fields: Justice Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology. The program is designed to benefit both the student who desires a liberal education and the student who intends to enter graduate or law school.

Requirements

Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

Complete all of the following:

1. All Department Requirements listed below with a "C" or better or "P" in each course (at least 20% of the department requirements must be completed through SBCC).
2. One of the following three General Education options:
 - a. OPTION 1: A minimum of 18 units of SBCC General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/degrees-certificates-awards/#associatedegreeestext>) (Areas A-D) and Institutional Requirements (Area E) and Information Competency Requirement (Area F) OR
 - b. OPTION 2: IGETC (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#igetctext>) Pattern OR
 - c. OPTION 3: CSU GE Breadth (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#csugebtext>) Pattern
3. A total of 60 degree-applicable units (SBCC courses numbered 100 and higher).
4. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all units attempted at SBCC.
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6. A minimum of 12 units through SBCC.

Code	Title	Units
Department Requirements		
PHIL 205	Introduction to Logic	3
POLS 101		3
POLS 151	Law And Society	3

SOC 101	Introduction To Sociology	3-4
or SOC 101H	Introduction to Sociology, Honors	
Complete three courses from the following:		9-12
ANTH 103	Introduction To Cultural Anthropology	
ECON 101	Microeconomics	
or ECON 101H	Microeconomics, Honors	
ECON 102	Macroeconomics	
or ECON 102H	Macroeconomics, Honors	
HIST 101	History of the U.S. to 1877	
HIST 102	History of the U.S. Since 1865	
or HIST 102H	History Of The U.S. Since 1865, Honors	
HIST 103	History of Western Civilization	
HIST 104	History of Western Civilization	
or HIST 113H	History Of Western Civilization: 1600 To Present, Honors	
PHIL 200	History Of Philosophy: Ancient	
PHIL 201	History of Philosophy: Modern	
POLS 104	American Government: Policy Issues/ Process	
POLS 121	International Politics	
or POLS 121H	International Politics, Honors	
POLS 131	Comparative Politics	
PSY 100		
or PSY 100H		
PSY 150	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	
Total Units		21.00-25.00

Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the interrelationships among various legal institutions and actors.
2. Analyze law and legal systems as they relate to the larger societies of which they are part.
3. Understand the various sources of laws and how the different components of the legal system operate to settle both criminal and civil conflicts.

Recommended Sequence

Make an appointment with your SBCC academic counselor through Starfish to create a Student Education Plan that reflects a recommended course sequence for this program that is tailored to your individual needs.

How to schedule an Academic Counseling appointment (<https://www.sbccc.edu/counselingcenter/counselingappointments.php>).