CLASS Program Requirements & Admissions

CLASS Grad Fellows Program Requirements

- **GPA:** Students must maintain a 3.5 or better.
- **Courses:** Students must complete at least three CLASS-approved graduate courses to earn a CLASS certificate. Currently, CLASS approved graduate courses include any course taught by a CLASS faculty member and JSIS 599 (Law, Rights & Governance).

Specifically, CLASS Fellows must complete:

1) The LSJ/CLASS "core course" (Political Science 561 (Law & Politics) or LSJ 501);

2) Any other CLASS-approved graduate course that is offered outside of your home department; and

3) Any other CLASS-approved graduate course.

A list of CLASS-approved courses taught each year will be posted as soon as possible. For a list of CLASS approved graduate courses taught during the 2018-2019 school year, click here. Independent study courses cannot be substituted for any of these three courses.

Note: If students are unable to complete a CLASS course taught outside their home unit, but have otherwise taken three CLASS-approved courses, they may petition the CLASS Director for permission to waive the “out of department” requirement. To support such a petition, students should write a letter to the CLASS Director that explains: a) Why they were unable to take CLASS approved course outside of their home department; and b) how the in-department courses taken to satisfy the CLASS requirements included substantial inter-disciplinary content. A copy of the course syllab should accompany such petitions.

Alternatively, if CLASS Fellows identify a third course that is not a CLASS-approved course but has substantial socio-legal content, they may petition for approval to count the course toward the three course requirement. To support such a petition, students should write a letter to the CLASS Director that identifies the socio-legal and inter-disciplinary content of the proposed alternative course. A copy of the course syllabus should accompany such petitions.

Please be aware that per Graduate School Memo #43, the overlap of coursework applied towards your CLASS certificate and your Ph.D. must not exceed 6 credits and is limited to elective coursework in each program.

**Analytic Paper:** Students will also satisfy the “capstone” requirement by developing an analytic paper that engages the law and society tradition. This paper must be presented at a relevant national conference (e.g. Law & Society Association) or in a CLASS/LSJ Workshare.

Application Process

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Students usually apply for the program in their first or second year of their PhD.
Completion Process

CLASS Certificate Completion Form: Upon completion of these requirements, the student must complete and submit the CLASS Certificate Completion Form here: [https://goo.gl/forms/0PuRiaDuNbSK7jKI3](https://goo.gl/forms/0PuRiaDuNbSK7jKI3)

Refer any questions to Professor Katherine Beckett, CLASS Center Director: kbeckett@uw.edu.

Related Files

- CLASS Certificate Application Form PDF (Word Doc available on the submission dropbox)
- CLASS Certificate Completion Form PDF (Word Doc available on the submission dropbox)

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