Completing LSJ Major Requirements

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Major Requirements

The requirements for a major in Law, Societies, and Justice can be completed in 55 credits and include:

- 4 Core Courses (20 credits)
- 5 Subfield Courses split between two categories - Rights and Comparative Legal Institutions (25 credits)
- 1 Departmental Seminar course (5 credits)
- 1 LSJ Internship (5 credits) For further information see the Internship Requirements page.

In addition to the 55 credits needed to finish major requirements, all LSJ majors also must complete the University and College of Arts & Sciences General Education requirements, including:

- 5 credits of English Composition (with a grade of 2.00 or higher)
- 10 credits of Additional Writing
- 5 credits of Quantitative Symbolic Reasoning
- 3 credits of Diversity
- the College of Arts & Sciences Foreign Language Requirement
- 20 credits of Visual, Literary and Performing Arts
- 20 credits of Individuals & Society
- 20 credits of Natural World
- 15 credits of Additional Areas of Knowledge classes

The exact path of each student through these General Education requirements can and should be discussed with the LSJ adviser in detail. A further description of these requirements can be found on the UW Undergraduate Advising webpage under the Degree Planning tab.

LSJ Core Courses
There are four different categories that make up the LSJ Core Course list. Students must take one class from each category for a total of four courses (20 credits).

- LSJ 200 Introduction to Law, Societies, and Justice OR LSJ/POL S 363 Law in Society
- LSJ/JSIS B 366 Comparative Law and Legal Cultures OR LSJ/POL S 367 Comparative Law and Courts
- LSJ 375/SOC 372 Crime, Politics, and Justice

Students do not need to take the LSJ Core Courses in a particular order.

LSJ Subfields

Students must take three courses in one Subfield, and two courses in the other for a total of 25 credits. The required Core Courses may not be used to satisfy both the Core and the Subfields requirements.

Subfield 1: Comparative Legal Institutions

- PHIL 114 Philosophical Issues in the Law (5)
- SOC 271 Introduction to Sociology of Deviance and Social Control (5) or SOC 371 Criminology (5) or SOC 472 Juvenile Delinquency (5) [only one of these three classes can count towards completion of LSJ major or minor requirements]
- GWSS 310 Women and the Law (5)
- PHIL 314 Philosophy of Crime and Punishment (5)
- POL S 320/JSIS B 310 State-Society Relations in Third World Countries (5)
- AIS 335 American Indians and the Law (5)
- LSJ/POL S 347 Politics of International Law (5)
- LSJ/POL S 360 Introduction to United States Constitutional Law (5)
- LSJ/POL S 361 United States Courts and Civil Liberty (5)
- LSJ/SOC 376 Drugs and Society (5)
- LSJ 377 Punishment: Theory and Practice (5)
- LSJ 380 Contemporary Issues in Comparative Legal Institutions (5, max. 10) *
- PHIL 414 Philosophy of Law (5)
- JSIS B 424 International Law and Arms Control (5)
- COM 440/POL S 461 Mass Media Law (5)
- LSJ 444 Ethics in Law and Justice (5)
- POL S 462 The Supreme Court in American Politics (5)
- POL S 464 The Politics of American Criminal Justice (5)
- LSJ/GEOG 467 Law, Justice, and the Environment (5)#
- POL S 467 Comparative Law in Society (5)
- LSJ/GEOG 474 Geography and the Law (5)#
- LSJ/ SOC 476 Miscarriages of Justice (5)#
- LSJ 490 Special Topics in Comparative Legal Institutions (5, max. 15) **

Subfield 2: Rights

- DIS ST/LSJ/CHID 230 Introduction to Disability Studies (5)
- LSJ/POL S 327 Women’s Rights as Human Rights (5)
• LSJ 329 Immigration, Citizenship, and Rights (5)
• LSJ 331/POL S 317 Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the US (5)
• DIS ST/LSJ/CHID 332 Disability and Society (5)
• PHIL 338 Philosophy of Human Rights (5)
• LSJ/JSIS B/DIS ST 346 Disability in Global & Comparative Perspective (5)
• GWSS/CHID 350 Women in Law and Literature (5)
• LSJ 381 Issues in Rights (5, max 10) *
• LSJ 421/ANTH 498 Women's Rights and Politics in Islamic Society (5)#
• LSJ 422 Immigrants, Labor, and Legality (5)#
• LSJ 426 Reconciliation: The Politics of Forgiveness in a Global Age (5)#
• LSJ 428/POL S 415 Women's Rights in an Integrated Europe (5)
• DIS ST/LSJ/CHID 430 Topics in Disability Studies (5, max. 15)*
• POL S 430 Civil-Military Relations in Democracies (5)
• DIS ST/LSJ/CHID 433 Disability Law, Policy, & Community (5)#
• DIS ST/LSJ/CHID 434 Civil and Human Rights Law for Disabled People (5)#
• LSJ/DIS ST/CHID 437 Crime, Law, & Mental Illness (5)#
• AFRAM 437 Blacks in American Law (5)
• LSJ 438 Human Rights & International Development (5)#
• B H 456 Social Justice and Health (5)
• LSJ 491 Special Topics in Rights (5, max 15) *#

*LSJ 380, 381, 430, 490, and 491 are variable-topic courses. The topic for a specific offering will be listed on the Time Schedule and also on the Quarterly Course Offerings handouts (available outside the LSJ advising office).

#These courses are eligible to satisfy the LSJ Departmental Seminar Requirement. Students must email the LSJ Adviser to indicate they would like to use one of these courses to fulfill the seminar requirement.

LSJ Departmental Seminar

An LSJ Departmental Seminar course is a small, discussion-driven course on a focused topic. Students can expect plenty of reading, writing, discussion and active participation in the topic. These same courses can alternatively be used for completion of the LSJ Subfield requirements, but the student will need to choose whether to use it as a Subfield or as a Seminar. They cannot work towards two requirements simultaneously.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of these remarkable courses by taking more than one of them in their time as a student.

*Students are responsible for arranging with the LSJ adviser which course they will use for completion of their Departmental Seminar requirement. This can be done by an email to the LSJ adviser once the student has registered for the course. The adviser can then make the appropriate change in the student's academic record.

LSJ 401, Internship Class

All students must finish LSJ 401 (5 credits). This is a class is built around a 100 hour internship or volunteer experience related to materials covered in LSJ. Only LSJ majors can register for this class. See the Internship Requirement (LSJ 401) tab in this website for more information.
Because students will need to find an experience on their own, it is highly recommended that they plan ahead, starting the search up to two quarters prior to the quarter in which they intend to register for the course.

**Petition to Have Outside Course Count Toward Major**

LSJ Majors may petition to have a maximum of 5 credits of outside coursework count toward the LSJ major. It is best to petition your course PRIOR to taking it as petitions are rarely granted. Needing to graduate on time is not a suitable justification for petitioning a course.

**LSJ Major Petition Form**

**Earn Credit for Study Abroad**

Similar to petitioning outside courses, it is strongly advised to petition your study abroad course PRIOR to going on the trip. Needing to graduate on time is not a suitable justification for petitioning a course.

**LSJ Study Abroad Petition From**

If you are participating in an LSJ sponsored Study Abroad Program (Rome, Amsterdam, Cape Town, Jamaica), your credits will count for either the LSJ seminar requirement or one of the LSJ Subfields. You do not need to petition these courses. Please schedule a meeting with the LSJ Adviser to adjust your degree audit once your credits have been posted to your transcript.

A maximum of 5 study abroad credits outside of LSJ affiliated programs may be counted toward the LSJ major.

Students may not petition study abroad credits to count toward the minor.

**Independent Study**

Student may earn credit for independent study work through either LSJ 301 or LSJ 499. Credits earned through these courses count toward total credit, but will not fulfill LSJ major requirements.

**LSJ 301: Independent Internship**

Students may earn credit for additional internship hours beyond the 100 hours required for LSJ 401. Students may earn 1 credit per 30 hours of internship.

**301 Application**

**LSJ 499: Independent study**

Students may earn credit for independent study with an LSJ faculty member.

**499 Application**

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