

## Prison-Based Instruction in Law, Societies, and Justice

The Department of Law, Societies, and Justice is pleased to offer opportunities to its majors to pursue unique prison-based educational opportunities. In part due to a partnership with University Beyond Bars (UBB), LSJ is able to provide chances for its majors to engage in **educational experiences with prisoner students**.

More specifically, LSJ currently offers the following two experiences for its majors:

*Mixed Enrollment Departmental Seminar:* These autumn-quarter 400-level LSJ courses involve a **mix of LSJ and UBB students**. These discussion-centered classes meet weekly for three hours. LSJ students travel to and from the prison in UW-provided vehicles.

*“Experience of Incarceration” Departmental Seminar:* This seminar focuses on the practices and lived experiences of incarceration in the contemporary United States. Beyond regular coursework, each student will complete a service learning component. This could include: participating in a monthly prison-based book club; engaging in literature-based correspondence with inmates in solitary confinement; helping facilitate the efforts of the Incarcerated Women’s Advocacy Project, which involves attendance at sessions held at a women’s prison. The class is offered during autumn quarter, but students are expected to engage in their service learning activity **for the entire academic year**.

Students will be invited to apply for these courses during the preceding academic year. Applications consist of a transcript and an essay outlining the applicant’s interest.

### Important notes:

- *Students who have taken LSJ 377, “Punishment: Theory and Practice”, will be given priority in the selection process for the mixed enrollment courses.*
- *Due to Department of Corrections policies, students who enter men’s prisons must be 21. Students can enter women’s’ prisons if they are 18.*

All students who are invited to participate will be required to submit paperwork to the Department of Corrections, and may be required to attend a training session.

Questions about these courses can be directed to the LSJ advising staff.

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