

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

Law, Societies, and Justice is fortunate to be able to offer a wide array of prison-based educational opportunities to its majors. Students who participate in these programs consistently describe them as deeply impactful.

Applications are now open for LSJ's various prison-based experiences for the 2019-20 academic year. As you'll see below, there are various such options, so please review the material below carefully. Also please note the various requirements for the different options, and the different time commitments that each implies.

LSJ provides transportation for each of these activities.

### **Mixed Enrollment Course (Fall Quarter)**

This course involves an equal number of students from LSJ and from University Beyond Bars. UBB is a non-profit organization that provides college courses at the Washington State Reformatory, which is a medium-security men's prison in Monroe.

The class will meet every Thursday for three hours (12:30 to 3:30). Students will leave from campus at 11 a.m. and return by 5 p.m.

The course will be LSJ 474, Geography and Law, and will be taught by Professor Herbert. Here is our description of this course: "Examines the relationship between geography, law, and socio-legal analysis; reviews significant instances where law and geography intersect, such as the regulation of public space, the regulation of borders and mobility, and disputes over property and land use."

Students must be 21 years of age by the start of fall quarter to be enrolled.

### **Book Clubs (All year)**

LSJ offers three monthly prison-based book clubs. For each of these, students are expected to read a work of fiction and to participate in a discussion with a group of incarcerated people. Each of these book clubs take place on a Saturday, and each involves six LSJ students. These book clubs run for the entire academic year.

The three options include:

Special Offenders Unit. SOU is a Monroe prison reserved for men who have mental health issues. It meets on the first Saturday of every month. Students leave from campus at 7:30 a.m. and return by 11:30.

Students must be 21 years of age by the start of fall quarter. They must also attend a required volunteer training at Monroe on either June 11 or September 10.

Twin Rivers Unit. TRU is a medium security men's prison in Monroe. This book club meets on the third Saturday of every month. Students leave from campus at 7:30 a.m. and return by 11:30.

Students must be 21 years of age by the start of fall quarter. They must also attend a required volunteer training at Monroe on either June 11 or September 10.

Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women. Mission Creek is a minimum-security unit for women in Belfair. This book club meets on the third Saturday of every month. Students leave from campus at 7:30 a.m. and return by 2 p.m.

Students need to be 18 years of age by the start of fall quarter, and must attend a required volunteer training at the prison.

### **Read2Me (All year)**

This program runs at the Washington Corrections Center for Women. Two different pairs of LSJ students visit the prison once a month, and bring children's books and tape recorders. The incarcerated mothers who participate read the books into the tape recorders, and the LSJ students then e-mail the audio-files to the mothers' children.

One pair of LSJ students visits the prison in the evening of the second Monday of every month, the other in the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month.

Students need to be 18 years of age by the start of fall quarter, and must attend a required volunteer training at the prison.