This interdisciplinary program focuses on the effect of law on society as well as the ways in which social forces influence the legal system. The idea is that we will understand the law if we look beyond "law on the books" to "law in action." Thus, it is important to study key legal institutions such as the legal profession, the judiciary, juries, the police, legislatures, and administrative agencies. In addition, the minor introduces students to legal policies like plea bargaining, the death penalty, and the constitutional principles that underlie political debates about these policies, e.g., equal protection, due process, and privacy.

Minor Requirements
Total Requirements: Seven Courses (28 units)

Basic Requirement (4 units)
POSC 130 must be taken by all minors

Upper Division Political Science Requirement (12 units)
Choose one course from each category
- Constitutional Law (4 units)
  - POSC 340, POSC 426, POSC 444
- International Law (4 units)
  - POSC 345, POSC 448a
- Policy Analysis (4 units)
  - POSC 333m, POSC 347, POSC 395, POSC 432, POSC 435, POSC 436, POSC 440, POSC 441m, POSC 442m, POSC 443, POSC 448B, POSC 452

Elective Requirements (12 units, 16 units for POSC Majors)
Choose one course from each category. Please note: non-political science majors must take at least one upper-division elective course. At least three elective courses must be upper-division for political science majors.
- Humanistic/ Historical (4 units)
  - PHIL 340, PHIL 430
- Sociology (4 units)
  - SOCI 351, SOCI 353
- Other (4 units)
  - ANTH 345, COMM 421, ECON 434, PSYC 355, LAW 343, LAW 200x

POSC Majors must take one additional, non POSC elective from the choices above (4 units)

As with all university minors, at least 4 courses must be unique to the minor (not filling any requirement for an additional major or minor, or any general education requirement other than diversity).

*Courses for this minor are often offered only during one semester each year so be sure to plan ahead*

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