

LAW, HISTORY, AND CULTURE

This major is designed for students drawn to the humanistic study of law and culture, as well as those who intend to pursue a law degree. It offers students an interdisciplinary education in legal institutions, languages, and processes that are central to social, cultural, and political developments in the past and present, and play a critical role in shaping our most basic concepts and categories of thought and identity. Students will gain theoretical and analytical perspectives on ethical, political, and social issues relevant to law as they explore specific legal issues from a humanistic perspective.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

One legal reasoning course taught by Gould School of Law faculty:

- Concepts in American Law

Three courses in historical approaches. Examples include:

- Law and Society in Classical Greece
- How to Be An American: Global Histories of U.S. Citizenship
- Law and Society in Premodern China & Japan
- American Legal History
- The Age of Revolutions
- Race, Slavery, & Making of the Atlantic World
- War, Race, and the Constitution
- Law and Religion

Two courses in literary, philosophical, and theoretical perspectives. Examples include:

- Los Angeles Crime Fiction
- Anglo-American Law and Literature
- Philosophy of Law
- History of Islamic Law
- Women and the Law
- Transgender Studies

Three social movement and social policy courses. Examples include:

- Race and Class in Los Angeles
- Law and Identities
- Latino Social Movements
- Law in Film
- Politics, Social Organization, and Law
- Human Rights

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Interdisciplinary Approach: Law, History, and Culture majors take courses from a wide range of departments within USC Dornsife, including Classics, History, Philosophy, and Political Science.

Center for Law, History, and Culture: The CLHC brings together faculty from USC Dornsife and the USC Gould School of Law to sponsor a wide range of scholarly and cultural activities including faculty workshops, book talks, seminars, and conferences.

Phi Alpha Theta: This history honor society seeks to bring students, faculty, and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges which promote and assist historical research and publication by the members.