

Law and Social Justice

Undergraduate Letter of Specialization

Legal Studies Program, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst

The Legal Studies Program announces a Letter of Specialization in Law and Social Justice. A letter of specialization can be cited as a credential on resumes, personal statements and in letters of recommendation. It represents completion of significant coursework in the socio-legal inquiry of law and social justice. All coursework must carry at least 3 credits and be taken for a letter grade. Students must maintain a cumulative average GPA of 2.0 across the five courses required.

REQUIREMENT: 5 APPROVED COURSES WHICH FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LETTER OF SPECIALIZATION IN LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Course #	Applicable Legal Studies Courses	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
275	Interdisciplinary Legal Studies	
319 (formerly 391LR)	Law and the Regulatory State	
375	Human Rights and Wrongs	
391T	Animals Politics and the Law	
392J (formerly 392T)	Transitional Justice and Truth Commissions	
393D	Defining Justice in Diverse Democracies	
393LG	Law & Global Migration	
394AI (formerly 391B)	Law and Social Activism	
394CI	Law, Crime, and Society	
397K	Human Trafficking	
432 (formerly 497N)	Environmental Justice	
482 (formerly 497I)	The Irish Peace Process	
484 (formerly 497II)	The Irish Peace Process: After the Good Friday Agreement	
497R	Racial Conflict, Mediation, and Social Justice	
	Law-Related Liberal Arts course that has been pre-approved for the Letter or other Approved Course (one allowed):	

One class can be applied to the requirements by taking a course that has been pre-approved and is listed below as a Law-Related Liberal Arts class for the Legal Studies Program. Please note that you will need to go through normal enrollment channels with these classes. Inclusion on this list does not give you any priority in admission or the ability to circumvent another department's pre-requisites or entrance requirements. Other courses at UMass, the Five Colleges, and elsewhere may be used to fulfill this requirement only with the approval of the Law and Social Justice Letter of Specialization Point Person as listed on the website. When requesting approval of an unlisted course, please be prepared to share a copy of the course syllabus with the Point Person.

COURSE APPROVALS

_____ (name of course) has been approved for inclusion in the Law and Social Justice Letter of Specialization in the Legal Studies Program.

_____ (signature of Dr. Jamie Rowen) _____ (date)

VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION

_____ (student name) _____ (ID number) has fulfilled the requirement for the Law and Social Justice Letter of Specialization in the Legal Studies Program.

_____ (signature of Legal Studies Advisor) _____ (date)

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Please note that you may request approval for additional courses at UMass and the Five Colleges

UMASS AMHERST

AFROAM 236 History Civil Rights Movement
AFROAM 326 Black Women in U.S. History
AFROAM 390E Race, Ethnicity and Gender in U.S. History
ANTHRO 205(H) Power and Inequality in the US (formerly Inequality and Oppression)
ECON 144H Political Economy of Racism-Honors
ECON 330 Labor in the American Economy
ECON 348 The Political Economy of Women
ECON 394LI Law & Economics
EDUC 617 Law & Higher Education
GEOGRAPH 450 Indigenous Peoples and Conservation (formerly GEOSCI 497S)
HISTORY 154 Social Change and the 1960s
HISTORY 170 Indigenous Peoples of North America
HISTORY 297E - ST-Immigration & Migration in US History 1877-Present
HISTORY 389 U.S. Women's History since 1890
HISTORY 349H Topics in European History: Sex & Society
HISTORY 397DV History of Domestic Violence Law
HISTORY 397LE (H) Liberation or Equality? : History of LGBT Rights Law (HONORS)
HISTORY 397RR History of Reproductive Rights Law (formerly HISTORY 397W)
HISTORY 397WLH History of Sex & Gender Discrimination Law (HONORS)
HONORS 322H Criminal Law and Justice in the US (HONORS)
HONORS 397C Law in Action: Litigating for Social & Legal Change

JUDAIC 390B World Jewry Since 1945
JUDAIC 383(H) S-Women, Gender, Judaism (formerly 391D)
JUDAIC 394MI Major Issues in Jewish Life
LABOR 280 Labor & Work in the US
POLISCI 360 (H) Constitutional Law
POLISCI 361 Civil Liberties
POLISCI 365 Bill Rights/Equal Protection
POLISCI 394FI Family and the State
POLISCI 397E Indigenous Rights & Social Movements
SOCIOLOG 222 The Family
SOCIOLOG 224 Social Class Inequality
SOCIOLOG 242 Drugs & Society
SOCIOLOG 283 Gender and Society
SOCIOLOG 323 Sociology of Law
SOCIOLOG 340 (H) Race Relations
SOCIOLOG 341 Social Welfare
SOCIOLOG 344 Gender and Crime
SOCIOLOG 345 Juvenile Delinquency
SOCIOLOG 392A Race, Class, Crime
SOCIOLOG 397MC Mass Incarceration in the U.S.
SOCIOLOG 481 Sociology of Mental Health
SUSTCOMM/REGIONPL 577 - Urban Policies
WGSS 201(H) Critical Perspectives in Women's Studies
WGSS 395G - Seminar- Gender, Sexuality, Race, and the Law: Critical Interventions
WGSS 397TP - Seminar- Trans Identities, Issues and Public Policies