LPS—LAW, POLICY, AND SOCIETY

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LPS U201 Introduction to Law 4 SH
Examine the role of law and society from a regulatory, constitutional, and judicial perspective, noting the role each of these has played in shaping the current legal framework in the United States. Introduces students to the relationship between law, societal organizations (both nongovernmental organizations and not-for-profit organizations), the private sector, and the separate branches of government (the judiciary, congressional, and executive branches). Provides students with the opportunity to learn to legally analyze judicial opinions, prepare legal memoranda, and present an oral argument before a “judge.” Prereq. POL U150.

LPS U301 Introduction to Law, Policy, and Society 4 SH
Examines the relationship of society to its laws: how society creates changes in law or policy via societal pressure and social movements (such as the environmental, women’s rights, and corporate accountability movements); how law and policy affect individual rights and behavior; whether a society needs laws in order to function; the relationship between some branches of our government in effectuating social change; and some of the fundamental differences between societies governed by seemingly similar but pragmatically different laws, such as the right to a jury trial. Prereq. GPA of 3.000 or better.

LPS U302 Human Rights in the Global Economy 4 SH
Explores the implications of globalization on international human rights law. Analyzes numerous sources of international law, such as the universal declaration of human rights and the international covenant on economic, social, and cultural rights. Examines free trade and its impact on civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights. Also explores the international mechanisms to resolve disputes and the impact of globalization on the rights of particular groups (e.g., women, children, and indigenous peoples). Prereq. LPS U201.

LPS U303 Topics in Law, Policy, and Society 4 SH
Covers special topics in law, policy, and society to fulfill students’ interests. Prereq. LPS U201.