

JUSTICE AND LEGAL STUDIES (JLS)

Department of Political Science, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

The Bachelor of Arts in Justice and Legal Studies provides students with a clear understanding of law and judicial processes in Canada and a global context and allows students to critically evaluate, using various and interdisciplinary conceptions of justice, the relationship between legal institutions, society, politics, and governance.

The core of the Justice and Legal Studies Major draws on work in law and politics, socio-legal studies, political science and other disciplinary traditions to provide students with a practical understanding of the operation of law and legal institutions in both a local and global context. It also encourages students to evaluate how law and legal institutions impact, shape, and are shaped by actors and power dynamics in government and society.

The Areas of Emphasis allow students to study law, justice and legal institutions in various interdisciplinary contexts. Five Areas of Emphasis are available:

1. Canadian Politics and Governance
2. Global Relations and Governance
3. Gender and Sexuality
4. Arts and Humanities
5. Business and Management

Students are expected to choose their Area of Emphasis by the end of the third semester.

A limited number of spots will be available on a competitive basis to students who were not admitted directly into the Justice and Legal Studies major from high school. Students who wish to be considered for transfer into JLS must apply directly to the Department of Political Science at the end of their second semester. To be eligible for a possible transfer after first year, applicants must have an overall GPA of at least 70% (minimum of 4.00 credits) and have successfully completed one of JLS*1000 Introduction to Justice & Law, ANTH*1150 Introduction to Anthropology, or SOC*1100 Sociology with a 70% GPA in the course. Students will be informed of the transfer decision by June.

Major (Honours Program)

A minimum of 10.00 credits is required, including:

7.50 core course requirements

2.50 credits in one of five areas of emphasis

Core Requirements (7.50 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
JLS*1000	Introduction to Justice & Law	0.50
PHIL*3040	Philosophy of Law	0.50
POLS*2300	Canadian Government and Politics	0.50
POLS*2350	Law from a Political Science Perspective	0.50
POLS*3130	Law, Politics and Judicial Process	0.50
POLS*3650	Quantitative Methods of Data Analysis	0.50
POLS*3350	Comparative Law and Courts	0.50

ANTH*1150 or SOC*1100	Introduction to Anthropology Sociology	0.50
POLS*2650 or SOAN*2120	Political Inquiry and Research Methods Introductory Methods	0.50
POLS*3140 or POLS*3210	Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms The Constitution and Canadian Federalism	0.50
Select 0.50 credits from the following:		
PHIL*2120	Ethics	0.50
PSYC*3020	Psychology of Law	0.50
SOC*3490	Law and Society	0.50
Select 1.00 credits from the following:		
JLS*4000	Justice and Legal Studies Capstone	1.00
JLS*4800 & JLS*4900	JLS Honours Thesis I and JLS Honours Thesis II	1.00
Select 1.00 credits from the following:		
JLS*4800	JLS Honours Thesis I ¹	0.50
JLS*4900	JLS Honours Thesis II ¹	0.50
POLS*4020	Global Law and Courts	1.00
POLS*4040	Advanced Lecture in Global Law and Courts	0.50
POLS*4050	Advanced Topics in Law and Politics	1.00
POLS*4060	Advanced Topics Lecture in Law and Politics	0.50
POLS*4070	Courts and Parliament	1.00
POLS*4100	Women, Justice and Public Policy	1.00
POLS*4310	Advanced Lecture in Women, Justice and Public Policy	0.50
POLS*4740	Advanced Topics in Rights and Liberties	1.00
POLS*4780	Advanced Lecture in Rights and Liberties	0.50

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Cannot be taken as a restricted elective if taken to fulfill core requirements

Note: Please see the Political Science program page in the Calendar for the list of third-year courses in the POLS streams to help identify the prerequisites for the POLS fourth-year courses listed here.

Areas of Emphasis (2.50 credits)

Choose one of five Areas of Emphasis:

- Canadian Politics and Governance
- Global Relations and Governance
- Gender and Sexuality
- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Management

Canadian Politics and Governance (Area of Emphasis)

The Canadian Politics and Governance Area of Emphasis will provide students with a broader understanding of the Canadian political context, including the political institutions and actors, in which legal institutions and processes operate. Students will examine Canadian political and social contexts to help them better identify and understand issues of justice in Canada and assess how these contexts shape and are shaped by law and legal processes. Students will have the opportunity to apply concepts and knowledge gained in the core of the JLS program to a variety of issues and problems in the Canadian context.

Code	Title	Credits
POLS*2230	Public Policy	0.50
or POLS*2250	Public Administration and Governance	
Select 0.50 credits from the following:		
ANTH*2660	Contemporary Indigenous Peoples in Canada	0.50
HIST*2100	Histories of Canada to 1867	0.50
HIST*2600	Histories of Canada Since 1867	0.50
POLS*3340	Indigenous Politics in Canada	0.50
Select 1.50 credits from the following:		
HIST*3160	Canadian Political History	0.50
HIST*3180	Canada Since 1945	0.50
POLS*3050	Canadian Campaigns and Elections	0.50
POLS*3140	Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms ²	0.50
POLS*3210	The Constitution and Canadian Federalism ²	0.50
POLS*3250	Public Policy: Challenges and Prospects	0.50
POLS*3270	Local Government in Ontario	0.50
POLS*3370	Environmental Politics and Governance	0.50
POLS*3470	Business-Government Relations in Canada	0.50

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Note: If this course is taken in the core it cannot count as fulfilling this requirement in the Area of Emphasis.

Global Relations and Governance (Area of Emphasis)

The Global Relations and Governance Area of Emphasis will provide students with a broader understanding of the global context in which legal institutions and processes operate. Students will examine international political and cultural contexts to help them better identify and understand issues of global justice and assess how these contexts shape and are shaped by law and legal processes. Students will have the opportunity to apply concepts and knowledge gained in the Core of the JLS program to a variety of issues and problems in the global context.

Code	Title	Credits
IDEV*2400	Development, Social Justice and Human Rights	0.50
POLS*3020	International Law and Organizations	0.50
Select 0.50 credits from the following:		
ANTH*2230	Regional Ethnography	0.50
IDEV*2000	The Development Landscape: Actors and Institutions	0.50
POLS*2100	Comparative Politics	0.50
POLS*2200	International Relations	0.50
Select 1.00 credits from the following:		
HIST*3070	Modern India	0.50
HIST*3080	United States in the World	0.50
HIST*3150	History and Culture of Mexico	0.50
HIST*3270	Revolution in the Modern World	0.50
HIST*3320	Modern China	0.50
HIST*3360	History and Culture of Brazil	0.50
HIST*3460	Natural Disasters in Global History	0.50
HIST*3830	Modern Middle East	0.50
POLS*3000	Politics of Africa	0.50
POLS*3060	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	0.50

POLS*3080	Politics of Latin America	0.50
POLS*3160	Global Gender Justice	0.50
POLS*3320	Politics of Aid and Development	0.50
POLS*3410	U.S. Politics and Government	0.50
POLS*3450	European Governments and Politics	0.50
POLS*3490	Conflict and Conflict Resolution	0.50
POLS*3670	Comparative Public Policy	0.50
POLS*3790	International Political Economy	0.50
SOAN*3250	Social Change in Latin America	0.50

Gender and Sexuality (Area of Emphasis)

The Gender and Sexuality Area of Emphasis will provide students with a broader understanding of gender and sexuality. Students will explore different perspectives on gender and sexuality to help them better identify and understand issues of justice related to gender and sexuality and assess how conceptions of gender and sexuality shape and are shaped by law and legal processes. Students will have the opportunity to apply concepts and knowledge gained in the Core of the JLS program to a variety of issues and problems related to gender and sexuality.

Code	Title	Credits
POLS*3710	Gender, Sexuality and Law	0.50
Select 1.00 credits from the following:		
HIST*2930	Women and Cultural Change	0.50
PHIL*2060	Philosophy of Feminism I	0.50
POLS*2150	Gender and Politics	0.50
SOAN*2400	Introduction to Gender Systems	0.50
Select 1.00 credits from the following:		
GEOG*3090	Gender and Environment	0.50
HIST*3020	Sexuality and Gender in History	0.50
HIST*3570	Women in Modern Europe	0.50
HIST*3580	Women's History in Asia	0.50
POLS*3160	Global Gender Justice	0.50
PSYC*3300	Psychology of Gender	0.50
SOAN*3100	Gender Perspectives on Families and Households	0.50
SOAN*3240	Gender and Global Inequality I	0.50

Arts and Humanities (Area of Emphasis)

The Arts and Humanities Area of Emphasis will provide students with a broader understanding of the human experience developed in art, philosophy, and history. Students will examine different perspectives on the human condition informed by disciplines in the humanities to better identify and understand issues of justice and assess how conceptions of the human experience shape and are shaped by law and legal processes. Students will have the opportunity to apply concepts and knowledge gained in the Core of the JLS program to a variety of issues and problems in the arts and humanities.

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL*2260	Law and Literature	0.50
PHIL*3230	Theories of Justice	0.50
Select 0.50 credits from the following:		
ENGL*2290	Outlaws	0.50
HUMN*2020	Crime and Criminals in Italian Cinema	0.50
PHIL*1010	Introductory Philosophy: Social and Political Issues	0.50

PHIL*1050	Ethics, Knowledge, and Reality	0.50
PHIL*2120	Ethics ³	0.50
PHIL*2280	Key Concepts in Political Philosophy	0.50
EURO*3300	Violence and Culture in 20th Century Europe	0.50
EURO*4050	Contemporary Europe. New Landscapes in the Post-Cold War Era	0.50
HIST*3270	Revolution in the Modern World	0.50
HUMN*3470	Holocaust & WWII in German Lit. & Film	0.50
PHIL*3190	Epistemology	0.50
PHIL*3290	Advanced Ethical Theory	0.50
PHIL*3300	Democracy and Its Critics	0.50

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Note: If this course is taken in the core it cannot count as fulfilling this requirement in the Area of Emphasis.

Business and Management (Area of Emphasis)

The Business and Management Area of Emphasis will provide students with a broader understanding of the business and management context in which legal institutions and processes operate. Students will examine business and management issues to help them better identify and understand issues of justice and assess how these issues shape and are shaped by law and legal processes. the opportunity to investigate how law and legal processes relate to business and management practices. Students will have the opportunity to apply concepts and knowledge gained in the Core of the JLS program to a variety of issues and problems in business and management.

Code	Title	Credits
MCS*3040	Business and Consumer Law	0.50
MGMT*2150	Introduction to Canadian Business Management	0.50
MGMT*3020	Corporate Social Responsibility	0.50
HROB*2010 or HROB*2090	Foundations of Leadership Individuals and Groups in Organizations	0.50
Select 0.50 credits from the following:		
HROB*2010	Foundations of Leadership ⁴	0.50
HROB*2090	Individuals and Groups in Organizations ⁴	0.50
HROB*2200	Labour Relations	0.50
HROB*2290	Human Resources Management	0.50
PHIL*2600	Business and Professional Ethics	0.50
PHIL*3370	Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	0.50
POLS*3470	Business-Government Relations in Canada	0.50

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Note: If this course is taken as one of the courses from the preceding list it cannot count as fulfilling this requirement in the Area of Emphasis.