LAW, RELIGION AND POLITICS,
MINOR (BEGINNING FALL 2019)

This interdisciplinary minor is unique to Saint Louis University. In it, students analyze and compare legal norms, theory, and practice within religious traditions and in legal systems. They gain a theologically and historically grounded understanding of concepts of human dignity and justice that should be respected and promoted within systems of law and political structures. They consider how laws and political structures can exercise equity toward all members of a community. They develop strong skills in analysis and oral argumentation and real-world experience through an internship.

Curriculum Overview

This minor requires 18 credit hours in courses from Political Science, Theological Studies, and other departments. All courses are marked with a Law, Religion, & Politics attribute. No more than 9 credit hours may be taken in any one department. The minor includes a 4xxx-level seminar and an internship. It is open to all students but is easily joined with the Pre-Law Scholars Program.

Requirements

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Law, Religion, & Politics Elective

Choose a 3-credit seminar with Law, Religion, & Politics Seminar attribute (typically in THEO or POLS)

Total Credits 18

Continuation Standards

Students in the Law, Religion and Politics minor must maintain a 2.00 grade point average (GPA) in required coursework.