

LAW, RELIGION AND POLITICS, MINOR

This interdisciplinary minor in law, religion and politics 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.

Leadership

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Curriculum Overview

SLU's minor in law, religion and politics requires 18 credits in courses from political science, theological studies, and other departments. All courses are marked with a "Law, Religion, & Politics" attribute. No more than nine credits 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 (<https://www.slu.edu/academics/undergraduate/pre-health-pre-law/pre-law/>).

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Theological Studies Course		
Choose one course from the following:		3
THEO 3350	Justice and Peace: The Legal Imagination in Christianity	
THEO 3750	Creativity and Constraint: The Legal Imagination in Judaism	
Political Science Course		
Choose one course from the following:		3
POLS 2710	Theories of Justice	
POLS 3130	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
Law, Religion, & Politics Requirements		
Choose 6 credits of courses with Law, Religion, & Politics attribute. Examples include:		6
ASTD 2400	Immigration in U.S. History and Culture	
ASTD 3400	American Incarceration	
HIST 3120	French Revolution and Napoleon, 1789-1815	
PLS 1000	Introduction to Law	
PLS 2800	Special Topics	
PHIL 3430	Philosophy of Law	
POLS 2691	Theory and Practice of Human Rights	
POLS 3640	International Law	
POLS 3760	The Politics of Pope Francis	

RUSS 3360	In Prisons Dark: Confinement Literature in the Russian and Soviet Empires	
THEO 3510	Faith and Politics	
THEO 3540	Incarceration and Incarnation: Prisons and Christian Ethics	
Internship		3
POLS 3912	Public Service Internship	
POLS 3915	Legal Internship	
PLS 4910	Legal Internship	
Law, Religion, & Politics Elective		
Choose a 3-credit seminar with Law, Religion, & Politics Seminar attribute (typically in THEO or POLS)		3
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.