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

Morgan Hazelton, Ph.D., Department of Political Science
Co-Director

Atria A. Larson, Ph.D., Department of Theological Studies
Co-Director

Curriculum Overview

This minor 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 12 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.

Requirements

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<td>Creativity and Constraint: The Legal Imagination in Judaism</td>
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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:

- 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
- THEO 3510  Faith and Politics
- THEO 3540  Incarceration and Incarnation: Prisons and Christian Ethics

Internship

- POLS 3912  Public Service Internship
- POLS 3915  Legal Internship
- PLS 4910  Legal Internship

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Continuation Standards

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