

# Socio-Legal Studies, Certificate

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Put your understanding of the legal system into action once you understand the impacts the system has on society and how people experience law in their everyday lives.

## Description

The distinction between law on the books and law in action, which refers to how people experience law in their everyday lives, is a cornerstone of the certificate program.

The undergraduate certificate program in socio-legal studies offers a model for educating and training students in the study of legal ideas, institutions and practices from the perspectives of the social sciences, law and the humanities.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

## Program requirements

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Students must complete 15 credit hours with at least 12 credit hours completed at the upper-division level. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) is required for a course to count toward the certificate.

**Core Theory and Foundation Courses (choose two) -- 6 credit hours**

[JUS 303: Justice Theory \(CIVI OR L\)](#) (3)

[JUS 308: Courts and Society](#) (3)



JUS 360: Law and Social Control (SOBE OR SB) or CRJ 350: Law and Social Control (CIVI OR SB)  
(3)  
JUS 410: Punishment: Logic and Approach (3)  
JUS 463: Discretionary Justice (SB) or CRJ 470: Discretionary Justice (SOBE OR L or SB) (3)  
JUS 465: Death Penalty in the United States (L) (3)  
PHI 307: Philosophy of Law (AMIT OR HU) (3)  
PHI 336: Social and Political Philosophy (HU) (3)  
PHI 408: Feminist Ethics (HUAD OR HU) (3)  
POS 315: The Supreme Court (SB) (3)  
POS 465: International Organization and Law (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)  
POS 471: Constitutional Law I (AMIT OR SB) (3)  
POS 472: Constitutional Law II (SB) (3)

**Interdisciplinary Elective Component (choose three) -- 9 credit hours**

Interdisciplinary electives must be taken from at least two different academic disciplines. Any course listed below may count towards this requirement. Other courses can be approved by the certificate program director.

AFR 215: Bob Marley and Reggae: Lyrics of Resistance (GCSI OR G) (3)  
AFR 301 / JUS 300: Race and Racism in Africa/African Diaspora (SB & G) (3)  
AFR 304 / JUS 304: Islands of Globalization: Caribbean Politics and Political Economy (SB & G & H)  
(3)  
AFR 420 / JUS 421: Race Ethnicity and Politics in the African Diaspora (SB & G) (3)  
AFR 428 / JUS 428 / APA 428 / SST 428: Critical Race Theory (3)  
CRJ 305: Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice (SOBE OR C) (3)  
CRJ 306: Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Criminal Justice (CIVI OR C) (3)  
JUS 329: Domestic Violence (SOBE OR SB) (3)  
JUS 350: Immigration and Justice (SOBE OR SB & C) (3)  
JUS 374: The Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights (3)  
JUS 422 / WST 422: Women, Law, and Social Control (3)  
JUS 425: Race, Gender, and Justice (CIVI OR SB) (3)  
JUS 430: Social Protest, Conflict, and Change (CIVI OR (L or SB) & C) (3)  
JUS 432: Racial Justice (CIVI OR L) (3)  
JUS 467: Terrorism, War, and Justice (CIVI OR SB) (3)  
JUS 469: Political Deviance and the Law ((L or SB) & C) (3)  
JUS 470: Alternative Dispute Resolution (L & C) (3)  
JUS 484: Internship (3)  
JUS 498: Pro-Seminar (3)  
POS 370: Law and Society (CIVI OR SB) (3)  
POS 470: Law and the Political Order (SB) (3)  
PSY 468: Psychology and Law (3)  
SOC 340: Social Deviance (SB) (3)  
SOC 445: Globalization, Development, and Resistance (SB & G) (3)  
TCL 335 / HST 323 / AFR 335: Historical Studies in Race, Crime, and the Law (3)  
TCL 340: Chicana/o and Latina/o Politics and Policy (L & C) (3)



Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

## **Enrollment requirements**

Students who have attained sophomore standing (30 credit hours) in any undergraduate degree program at ASU are eligible for admission to the certificate program for socio-legal studies.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

## **Program learning outcomes**

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Critically assess core socio-legal theory, concepts and methods.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply the fundamental principles of socio-legal studies to specific domestic or international issues through direct community engagement or research.

## **Career opportunities**

Graduates who have combined the certificate in socio-legal studies with their major program of study may be more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in law, education, public service, and human welfare and social work. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

## **Contact information**

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