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April 26, 2004

Dean David C. Hodge
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Dear David:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Law, Societies & Justice. A copy of the changes is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Law, Societies & Justice program is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2004.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Lee L. Huntsman
President

Enclosure

cc: Professor Michael W. McCann (with enclosure)
Mr. W. W. Washburn (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure) *LSS-012804*



Creating & Changing Undergraduate Academic Programs*

After college/school review, send signed original and 8 copies to: FCAS, Box 351271

LSJ-012804

College: Arts and Science Department or Unit: Law, Societies & Justice Date: 1/28/04

New Programs

- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree
- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____
- Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____
- Leading to a Minor in _____

Changes to existing programs

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in Law, Societies & Justice within the Bachelor of Arts
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____

Other Changes

- Change name of program from _____ to _____
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____
- Eliminate program in _____

Proposed Effective Date: (quarter/year) Autumn/2004

Contact Person	Phone Number	Email
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Explanation of and Rationale for Proposed Change: (Please use additional pages if necessary. For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters support, and departmental handouts.)

These changes to our admissions requirements will enable us to admit students earlier in their undergraduate career, and to encourage the development of those analytic writing skills that are emphasized in all of our courses. At present, the three core course requirement for admission is taking students much time to complete, and thus they are applying to the major as late as their senior year. We are reducing the admissions requirements from three core courses to one core course to enable earlier application. In addition, we plan to reserve seats in each of these core courses for sophomores and transfers. This way, students will be able to apply to the major as mid- to late-sophomores or early-juniors. This provides us a means to ensure that students move through the course sequence in the expected fashion. It also enables students unable to gain admission adequate time to pursue another major. The added requirement for English composition will help ensure that students possess the capacity to succeed with the high number of writing assignments typical of our courses.

* For information about when and how to use this form please go to <http://www.washington.edu/faculty/facsenate/councils/fcas/1503/>.

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2. Catalog Copy

A. Catalog Copy as Currently Written (*Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.*)

Admission Requirements:




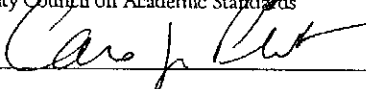
1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.
2. Completion of one research methods or statistics class. See the program's Web site or advising office for a list of approved courses.
3. Completion of three of the following courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50: LIS 320/POL S 368 or approved substitute; LSJ/POL S 367; POL S/LSJ 363; LSJ 375 ~~or approved substitute.~~
4. Admission is competitive, based on the following: GPA, with emphasis on grades received in courses required for admission (applicants accepted normally present cumulative GPAs considerably above 2.50); personal statement representing the student's interest in and commitment to becoming a law, societies, and justice major; other evidence of a commitment to the study of society, justice, and law. ~~Junior standing preferred.~~
5. Admission is twice a year during spring and autumn quarters. Students admitted in the spring begin the Law, Societies, and Justice major in the autumn; students admitted in the autumn begin the Law, Societies, and Justice major in the winter. The application deadline is the second Friday of spring or autumn quarter; admission decisions are made by the end of the fifth week of the quarter.

B. Proposed Catalog Copy, Reflecting Requested Changes (*Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications.*)

Admission Requirements:

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.
2. Completion of one research methods or statistics class. See the program's Web site or advising office for a list of approved courses.
3. Completion of one of the following courses: LIS 320/POL S 368, LSJ 321 ~~or approved substitute; LSJ/POL S 367; POL S/LSJ 363; LSJ 375 or SOC 372.~~ ANTH 323 or PHIL 338;
4. Evidence of skill in written communication: one English Composition is required. A second writing intensive class is recommended (e.g. ENGL 198 or a writing course in the social sciences).
5. Admission is competitive, based on the following: GPA, with emphasis on the core course(s) listed above (applicants accepted normally present cumulative GPAs considerably above 2.50); personal statement representing the student's interest in and commitment to becoming a Law, Societies, and Justice major; other evidence of a commitment to the study of society, justice, and law.
6. Admission is three times a year during autumn, winter and spring quarters. Students begin the Law, Societies, and Justice major in the quarter following their admission. The application deadline is the second Friday of the quarter; admission decisions are made by the end of the fifth week of the quarter.

3. Signatures (required)

Chair/Program Director 	Date 2/3/04	Dean 	Date MAR 16 2004
College Committee 	Date MAR 16 2004	Faculty Council on Academic Standards 	Date 4/16/04