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<b>College/Campus</b> University of Washington Tacoma	<b>Department/Unit</b> Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences	<b>Date</b> August 18, 2009
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**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 Law and Policy

**Changes to Existing Programs**

- ☐ New Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ 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:** ☐ Autumn ☐ Winter ☒ Spring ☐ Summer **Year: 20 10**

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Study**EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE**

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

A minor program of study in law and policy has an obvious appeal to those considering a career in law. However, this minor also improves students' logical reasoning and develops their ability to analyze and communicate complex ideas. Through a minor in law and policy, students will have a broad appreciation of the role of law and policy in their field of study, whether it is in environmental science, business, communications, social work, psychology or another field. Current course work in a law and policy minor supports Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences' Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) concentration. This minor allows a greater number of students to benefit from this particular aspect of the PPE curriculum while not requiring them to explicitly develop the understanding and critical thinking required by the full PPE curriculum.

See attached proposal for more details.

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED**

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. \*See online instructions.

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**Law and Policy Minor**

Contact an advisor in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at (253) 692-4450 to learn more about this minor.

This minor in Law and Policy is designed for students who seek to complement studies in their major/concentration by developing an understanding of the link between their field of study and law and policy. It equips students with an understanding of legal rules and principles, legal reasoning, and legal and political processes. Student also develop their ability to analyze public policies and learn to think critically about the role of legal and political institutions in shaping domestic and international events.

Students minoring in Law and Policy take two core classes, and supplement these with three additional courses intended to deepen and apply their knowledge of law and policy.

**Requirements**

The Law and Policy minor requires 25 credits of course work: 10 credits of two required foundational classes (TPOL S 363: Law and Society (5) and 5 credits of either TECON 100: Understanding Economics or TECON 200/TBECON 220: Microeconomics) and 15 credits of three additional electives at the 300-and 400-level, that develop a more advanced understanding of law in the US, law as a social institution, public policy formation, and public policy as it relates to specific areas of interest. A course list follows. Students may request to transfer up to 10 credits to be applied toward the courses fulfilling the minor. Students must maintain an average GPA of 2.0 in the five classes that satisfy the minor requirements. Student in the Politics, Philosophy and Economics concentration may not minor in Law and Policy.

**Core Course (10 credits)**

- TPOL S 363: Law and Society (5)
- TECON 100: Understanding Economics or TECON 200/TBECON 220: Microeconomics (5)

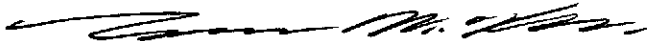
**Elective Course (15 credits) (from Law and Policy track courses within the PPE concentration):**

- TSMUS 320 American Constitutional Law (5)
- TSMUS 410: Early American Politics and Law (5)

- TSMUS 416: Current Topics in US Public Policy (5)
- TCOM 480: Political Economy of Media (5)
- TCOM 481: Communication Regulation and Policy (5)
- TSMUS 420: Economics of Education (5)
- TSMUS 421: Environmental Policy (5)
- TCSIUS 438: Environmental Law (5)
- TPOL S 465: Law and Public Policy (5)
- TPOL S 361: United States Courts and Civil Liberty (5)
- TPOL S 382: State and Local Government (5)
- TPOL S 340: Middle East Politics
- TPOL S 440: American Foreign Policy in the Middle East (5)
- TCSIUS 452: Minorities and the Law (5)
- TSMIN 422: International Humanitarian Law (5)
- TSMIN 311: International Human Rights
- TCSIG 425: Comparative Social Policy
- TESC 345: Pollution and Public Policy (5)
- TURB 420: Cities and the Constitution (5)
- TURB 415: Urban Government and Organization (5)

#### APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director:



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# Proposal for Minor in Law and Policy

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*Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences  
University of Washington Tacoma*

**(Note: Students majoring in Politics, Philosophy and Economics may not also minor in Law and Policy)**

## **Objectives of Minor**

- To strengthen students' ability to analyze policy, the law, and political and legal institutions; to engage in legal reasoning; and to think critically about the role of legal and political institutions in shaping domestic and international events.
- To improve students' understanding of the connection between policy, law, and legal thinking and other areas of study.

## **Course Requirements**

The Law and Policy minor requires 25 credits: 10 credits of two required foundational classes (TPOL S 363: Law and Society (5) and 5 credits of either TECON 100: Understanding Economics (5) **or** TECON 200/TBECON 220: Microeconomics (5) ) and 15 credits of three additional electives at the 300-and 400-level, that develop a more advanced understanding of law in the US, law as a social institution, public policy formation, and public policy as it relates to specific areas of interest. A course list follows. Students may request to transfer up to 10 credits to be applied toward the courses fulfilling the minor. Students must maintain an average GPA of 2.0 in the five classes that satisfy the minor requirements.

## **Educational Objectives** *(What students will do after graduation)*

Graduates with a minor in law and policy will have a solid understanding of the law and legal institutions, of the relationship between legal thinking and social institutions, and of public policy analysis. The law and public policy minor will assist students in preparing for careers in teaching, journalism, business, and law, as well as for admission to graduate programs in public policy, law, business, international studies, journalism and related fields.

## **Educational Outcomes** *(What students should be able to do at time of graduation)*

Law and policy is a broad intellectual field that analyzes state-society relations and their implications for public accountability, public policy, and competent government. In this sense it encompasses the study of political science, economics, and philosophy. A study of law emphasizes clear and logical thinking.

Students will develop the ability to think through complex problems and to analyze and express complicated ideas. Such skills are in demand in a wide variety of areas including commerce and industry, politics, the media and public services.

Students completing a minor in Law and Policy should be able to

- Engage in and employ sophisticated and logical reasoning
- Examine and explain the role of law in understanding governing structures and public policies
- Analyze the relationship between law and policy and other areas of inquiry

## **Required University Documentation**

### **Explanation and Rationale for Proposed Minor in Law**

Studying law and policy has an obvious appeal to those considering a career in law. However, this minor also provides students with a foundation in logical reasoning and with an improved ability to analyze and communicate complex ideas. Through a minor in law and policy, students will develop a broad appreciation of the role of law and policy in their field of study, whether it is in environmental science, business, communications, social work, psychology or another field. Current course work in a law and policy minor supports Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences' Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) major. This minor allows a greater number of students to benefit from this particular aspect of the PPE curriculum while not requiring them to explicitly develop the understanding and critical thinking required by the full PPE curriculum.

### **Proposed Catalog Copy**

A minor in law and policy develops students understanding of legal rules and principles, public policy formulation and analysis, and legal and political processes. Students will also learn to evaluate legal reasoning and public policies.

### **Required Core Course (10 credits)**

- TPOL S 363: Law and Society (5)
- TECON 100: Understanding Economics **or** TECON 200/TBECON 220: Microeconomics (5)

### **Required Course (15 credits from list from Law and Policy track with the PPE concentration):**

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**All of the above classes are already part of the PPE curriculum and hence require no new resources.**