



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 5, 2011

Dean Ana Mari Cauce
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Dear Ana Mari:

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

I am writing to inform you that the Law, Societies, and Justice program is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2011.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis".

Phyllis M. Wise
Interim President

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Mark Weitzenkamp (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure LSJ-20101215)



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Date 12/15/2010

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 LSJ within the Bachelor of Arts.
- ☒ Revised Program Requirements for the Major in LSJ within the Bachelor of Arts.
- ☐ 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 11

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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).

See Attached

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.

Department/Unit:

Chair/Program Director:

Date:

Department/Unit:

Chair/Program Director

Date:

CATALOG COPY

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.

See Attached

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).
Please note: all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

See Attached

APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director:

Date:

1/4/11

College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:

Date:

2/23/11

Dean/Vice Chancellor:

Date:

2/23/11

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date:

4/1/2011

POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date:

Explanation and Rationale for Proposed Changes

Proposed Changes to LSJ Admission requirements.

Besides some grammatical changes, there are three main changes we are proposing to the LSJ Admission requirements: dropping the Research Methods prerequisite, adding a note about “evidence of success in social science courses,” and adding wording about satisfactory progress.

The methods course requirement for the LSJ major has consisted entirely of basic statistics classes offered by other departments. This requirement is a carry-over from the earlier incarnation of the program, Society and Justice, whose majors frequently took several advanced criminology courses and were required to do a quantitatively-driven individual research project for which statistical knowledge was necessary. The LSJ curriculum differs, and only rarely includes courses for which familiarity with statistics is needed for student success. For that reason, it is not necessary for LSJ majors to possess knowledge of basic statistics, and thus we wish to remove this requirement as a prerequisite for admission. The methodology needed for success in LSJ is built into the teaching and readings of the LSJ Core Courses.

As part of the competitive admission process for the major, the admissions committee has often used evidence of success in previous social sciences courses (both in and out of the LSJ major) to help determine whether applicants can succeed in the major. To mention this in the admission requirements helps students to improve their chance of being admitted and to ensure their success in later classes.

In the past couple of years we have seen more students applying to the LSJ major late in their senior year, after completing a first major, hoping to pick up a second major by staying at UW past the expected point of satisfactory progress. We would like to encourage students to plan early to apply to this major in a timely fashion. Adding a statement about satisfactory progress will also allow us the leeway to deny admission to students who are obviously circumventing rules about progress to degree.

Proposed Changes to LSJ Major requirements.

The three changes we are suggesting to the LSJ major requirements are: combining the three current LSJ major subfields into two, removing the “3 or 4 credit course” requirement, and dropping the research methods requirement. Of these, dropping the research methods requirement is explained above.

The most pressing reason for the proposed change from the three tracks to two is the program’s inability to staff sufficient courses to make three tracks viable. Courses in the current track one, “Crime, Social Control and Justice,” are most difficult to staff, a reality that will not improve in the current and near-term budgetary climate. This has been compounded by the gradual retirement of the instructors (carried over from Society and Justice years) who taught classes predominantly in the first subfield. Although LSJ will continue to offer as many courses in this area as possible, the program does need to enable majors to make satisfactory progress. One of

the proposed new tracks, "Comparative Legal Institutions," combines the courses that are listed under the current tracks one and two. In this way, those criminal justice/social control courses that remain are sensibly associated with courses that focus on other types of legal institutions, all of which are approached in comparative terms. This is in keeping with the overall focus of the LSJ major – to understand socio-legal dynamics from a wide and comparative perspective.

The other proposed new track, "Rights," is constituted by those courses listed under the current track three, "Rights, Resistance and Reconstructions in Law." Since this is largely a re-arranging of the same classes we are currently teaching (and those that we have traditionally 'borrowed' from other curricula), this change is not likely to be any hardship on students or on other departments. We prefer the new title because it is more simple and straightforward.

Concomitant to this curricular change, the LSJ program is also creating a handful of new classes that have been developed by our faculty over the past several years. All of these courses fit neatly within either of the proposed two tracks. With these new courses and with a two-track structure, the program should possess little difficulty in providing sufficient course offerings to enable students to meet their requirements in a timely fashion.

Another advantage of a two-track structure is that it will ensure that all of our students take a broad array of courses. With the current three-track structure, students can largely avoid courses in one of the tracks. This inhibits the broader understanding of socio-legal studies that the major affords. With two tracks, and the requirement that students take courses in each, students will more easily recognize the relationships between the operations of legal institutions and the discourse and practice of rights. These types of broad connections, pursued through comparative inquiry, are the foundation of the program.

Removing from the LSJ major requirements the phrase "students may use only one 3- or 4-credit course toward completion of the major" fits with the rest of the proposed major requirements. Over the past five years, the number of courses in the LSJ curriculum which are 3 or 4 credits has decreased. If the Research Methods course is no longer a requirement, then there are only two courses left in the LSJ curriculum that are not 5 credit courses: LSJ 485, which is no longer offered, and PHIL 414, which is not controlled by LSJ. So, effectively, students will only be able to take one course of 3 to 4 credits in completing the major.

Current Catalog Copy for LSJ Admission requirements and LSJ Program requirements:

Department Admission Requirements

1. 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.
2. Completion of one of the following courses: LSJ 320/POL S 368, LSJ 321/ANTH 323 or LSJ 322/SIS 322; LSJ 363/POL S 363 or LSJ 200; LSJ 367/POL S 367 or LSJ366/SIS 366; LSJ 375 or SOC 372.
- ~~3. Completion of one research methods or statistics class. See the program's Website or advising office for a list of approved courses.~~
4. Completion of one English composition course. (Further evidence of writing skills in the social sciences is encouraged.)
5. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the University of Washington.
6. Students may apply in autumn, winter, or spring quarters. Applications for admission are due no later than the second Friday of each quarter. Students are notified of admission decisions by the sixth week of the quarter in which they apply.

Major Requirements

~~Minimum 57 credits as follows:~~

1. Completion of the four LSJ core courses: LSJ 320/POL S 368, LSJ 321/ANTH 323, or LSJ322/SIS 322; LSJ 363/POL S 363 or LSJ 200; LSJ 367/POL S 367 or LSJ366/SIS 366; LSJ 375 or SOC 372. (20 credits)
 - ~~2. One research methods or statistics course from approved list (4-5 credits)~~
 3. Three courses from one of the three designated subfields of study (crime, social control, and justice; comparative legal institutions and politics; rights, resistance, and reconstructions in law) and two courses from one of the other two subfields. See the program's Website or adviser for list of approved courses. (23 to 25 credits)
 4. One LSJ senior seminar; and one field experience/internship, LSJ 401. Senior seminar cannot also count as an LSJ subfield course. (10 credits)
 - ~~5. Students may use only one 3- or 4-credit course toward completion of the major.~~
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Proposed Catalog Copy for LSJ Admission requirements and LSJ Program requirements:

Department Admission Requirements

1. Admission is competitive, based on the following: GPA, with emphasis on grades received in courses required for admission and for completion of major requirements (applicants accepted normally present cumulative UW grade point averages 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.
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the University of Washington.
3. Completion of one of the following courses: LSJ 320/POL S 368, LSJ 321/ANTH 323, or LSJ 322/SIS 322; LSJ 363/POL S 363 or LSJ 200; LSJ 367/POL S 367 or LSJ 366/SIS 366; LSJ 375 or SOC 372.
4. Completion of one English Composition course. (Further evidence of writing skills in the social sciences is encouraged.)
5. Admitted applicants often show evidence of success in social science courses. (See the department webpage or academic adviser for recommended social science courses.)
6. Students may apply in Autumn, Winter, or Spring quarters. Applications for admission are due no later than the second Friday of the quarter. Students are notified of admission decisions by the sixth week of the quarter in which they apply.
- Interested students are encouraged to apply for the LSJ major as soon as possible after meeting the prerequisites. Satisfactory progress to degree may be considered when making admission decisions.

Major Requirements

1. Completion of the four LSJ core courses: LSJ 320/POL S 368, LSJ 321/ANTH 323, or LSJ 322/SIS 322; LSJ 363/POL S 363 or LSJ 200; LSJ 367/POL S 367 or LSJ 366/SIS 366; LSJ 375 or SOC 372. (20 credits)
2. Three courses from one of the two designated subfields of study (Comparative Legal Institutions; and Rights) and two courses from the other subfield. See the program's website or adviser for list of approved courses. (23 to 25 credits)
3. One LSJ senior seminar. Senior seminar cannot count simultaneously towards the LSJ subfield requirement. (5 credits)
4. Completion of LSJ 401. This class includes completion of 100 hours of volunteer experience or internship in a field related to LSJ. (5 credits)

Checklist for Major Requirements in Law, Societies, and Justice

Law, Societies, and Justice Admission Requirements:

Admission is competitive, focusing on: GPA, with emphasis on grades in courses required for admission and major requirements; essay representing interest in the LSJ major; and other evidence of commitment to the study of society, justice, and law. Students may apply in Autumn, Winter, or Spring. Applications for admission are due no later than the 2nd Friday of the quarter. Students are notified of admission decisions by the 6th week of the quarter in which they apply. Applications can be found on LSJ website (<http://depts.washington.edu/ljweb/>) or at LSJ advising office (Gowen 42).

Admission Prerequisites	Course Taken	Quarter/Year	Grade
One LSJ Core Course (further evidence of success in social science courses is beneficial)			
One English Composition Course (further evidence of writing in social science beneficial)			
Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average at University of Washington (2.00 or higher):			

Law, Societies, and Justice Graduation Requirements:

Take four LSJ Core Courses to graduate, one from each of the four core areas. These classes do not have to be done in any particular order, but every attempt should be made to complete them sooner rather than later.	LSJ Core Courses		Course Taken	Quarter/Year
	LSJ 320/POL S 368, LSJ 321/ANTH 323, or LSJ/SIS 322			
	LSJ 200 or LSJ/POL S 363			
	LSJ/SIS 366 or LSJ/POL S 367			
	LSJ 375 or SOC 372			

Complete a total of 5 courses; 3 in one of the subfields and 2 in the other subfield. Students may choose which subfield to focus on as a primary and which as a secondary. The list of courses in each subfield can be found on the LSJ website or on the LSJ Approved Courses handout.	LSJ Subfield: Comparative Legal Institutions		LSJ Subfield: Rights	
	Course Taken	Quarter/Year	Course Taken	Quarter/Year

Complete at least one course that counts as a Senior Seminar. Courses used as Senior Seminar cannot be used simultaneously for the Subfield requirements. Please inform the LSJ adviser of the course you are using to fulfill this requirement.	LSJ Senior Seminar		
	Course Taken	Quarter/Year	Informed the Adviser?

LSJ 401 requires at least 100 hours of internship or volunteer experience at an LSJ-relevant site. See LSJ website or adviser for more information about this requirement.	LSJ 401: Internship Class	
	Internship or Volunteer Experience	Quarter/Year

Optional Departmental Honors

Requires: UW cumulative gpa of at least 3.5, one additional LSJ Senior Seminar class; and two quarters of LSJ Honors (10 credits, LSJ 488 & 489). See LSJ website or adviser for more information.	Cumulative UW Grade Point Average:		Quarter/Year
	Additional Senior Seminar Class:		
	LSJ 488 (5 credits)		
	LSJ 489 (5 credits)		

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LSJ Website: <http://depts.washington.edu/ljweb/>

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Law, Societies, and Justice Approved Courses List

This handout is a list of the course that are acceptable in the different curricular categories for the LSJ major and LSJ minor. It is to be used in conjunction with the checklist handouts for the major and minor. For questions, consult the website or departmental adviser for LSJ.

LSJ Core Courses

- ☐ LSJ 320/POL S 368 The Politics and Law of International Human Rights, LSJ 321/ANTH 323 Human Rights Law in Culture and Practice, or LSJ/SIS 322 Human Rights in Latin America
- ☐ LSJ 200 Introduction to Law, Societies, and Justice, LSJ/POL S 363 Law in Society
- ☐ LSJ/SIS 366 Comparative Law, Societies, and Courts or LSJ/POL S 367 Comparative Law and Courts
- ☐ LSJ 375 Crime, Politics, and Justice or SOC 372 Introduction to Criminal Justice

LSJ Subfield: Comparative Legal Institutions

- ☐ LSJ/POL S 360 Introduction to United States Constitutional Law (5)
- ☐ LSJ/POL S 361 United States Courts and Civil Liberty (5)
- ☐ LSJ/SIS 362 Law and Justice: An Introduction to Social Theory (5)
- ☐ LSJ/SOC 376 Drugs and Society (5)
- ☐ LSJ/GEOG 378 Policing the City (5)
- ☐ LSJ/ANTH 379 Prisons in Anthropological Perspective (5)
- ☐ LSJ 380 Contemporary Issues in Comparative Legal Institutions (5, max. 10)
- ☐ LSJ/SIS 439 Law and Political Power: Global and Local Issues (5)
- ☐ LSJ 444 Ethics in Law and Justice (5)
- ☐ LSJ/GEOG 467 Law, Justice, and the Environment (5)
- ☐ LSJ/POL S/SISEA 469 Law, Development, and Transition in East Asia (5)
- ☐ LSJ/SOC 473 Corrections (5)
- ☐ LSJ/GEOG 474 Geography and the Law (5)
- ☐ LSJ/ SOC 476 Miscarriages of Justice (5)
- ☐ LSJ 480 Policing Modern Society (5)
- ☐ LSJ 490 Special Topics in Comparative Legal Institutions (5, max. 15)
- ☐ PHIL 114 Philosophical Issues in the Law (5)
- ☐ SOC 271 Introduction to Sociology of Deviance and Social Control (5) or SOC 371 Criminology (5) or SOC 472 Juvenile Delinquency (5) **[only one of these may be used towards LSJ requirements]**
- ☐ WOMEN 310 Women and the Law (5)
- ☐ PHIL 314 Philosophy of Crime and Punishment (5)
- ☐ AIS 335 American Indians and the Law (5)
- ☐ PHIL 414 Philosophy of Law (3)
- ☐ SIS 425 International Law and Arms Control (5)
- ☐ POL S 450/SIS 456 State-Society Relations in Third World Countries (5)
- ☐ POL S 461/ COM 440 Mass Media Law (5)
- ☐ POL S 462 The Supreme Court in American Politics (5)
- ☐ POL S 464 The Politics of American Criminal Justice (5)
- ☐ POL S 467 Comparative Law in Society (5)

LSJ Subfield: Rights

- LSJ/DIS ST/CHID 230 Introduction to Disability Studies (5)
- LSJ/POL S 327 Women's Rights as Human Rights (5)
- LSJ/AES 330 Beyond Civil Rights: Law, Culture, and Change (5)
- LSJ 331/POL S 317 Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the US (5)
- LSJ/DIS ST/CHID 332 Disability and Society (5)
- LSJ/SIS 336 The Place of Law in Multicultural Conflicts (5)
- LSJ 381 Issues in Rights (5, max 10)
- LSJ 420 The Politics of Rights (5)
- LSJ 421/ANTH 498 Women's Rights and Politics in Islamic Society (5)
- LSJ 425/ ANTH 497 Domesticating International Human Rights: Perspectives on U.S. Asylum & Refugee Law (5)
- LSJ 428/POL S 415 Women's Rights in an Integrated Europe (5)
- LSJ/DIS ST/CHID 430 Topics in Disability Studies (5, max. 15)
- LSJ/DIS ST/CHID 433 Disability Law, Policy, & Community (5)
- LSJ/DIS ST/CHID 434 Civ. Human Rights Law for Disabled People (5)
- LSJ 491 Special Topics in Rights (5, max 15)
- AFRAM/POL S 315 Black Identities and Political Power (5)
- PHIL 338 Philosophy of Human Rights (5)
- WOMEN/CHID 350 Women in Law and Literature (5)
- POL S 357 Minority Representation and the Voting Rights Act (5)
- POL S 430 Civil-Military Relations in Democracies (5)
- AFRAM 437 Blacks in American Law (5)

LSJ Senior Seminars

See Time Schedule, LSJ adviser, or LSJ Quarterly Course Offerings handout for list of courses satisfying this requirement.

LSJ 401

See LSJ webpage or LSJ adviser for more information about this course, how to find a workable internship or volunteer experience, and how to register for the class

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LSJ Website: <http://depts.washington.edu/ljsweb/>

Website of Course Descriptions for LSJ classes: <http://www.washington.edu/students/crscat/ljs.html>

Jennifer A. Payne

From: Mark Weitzenkamp [weitzen@u.washington.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 3:54 PM
To: Kevin K. Mihata
Cc: Janet L. YALE; Jennifer A. Payne
Subject: Re: Approved Seattle 1503's

Jennifer-

Feel free to make this change to the petition. I have just added the text from "5" to the bottom of "1" in the "Department Admission Requirements" that we are proposing. Numbers "6" and "7" would also need to be renumbered to suit.

If this gets discussed on March 11 and approved, then we are likely to know the decision sometime in the week between Winter 11 and Spring 11, right (March 21-25)?

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On 2/24/2011 3:42 PM, Kevin K. Mihata wrote:

> Yes, exactly -- there was just a sense that the "evidence of success" content could go together. This is good.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mark Weitzenkamp [mailto:weitzen@u.washington.edu]

> Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 3:41 PM

> To: Kevin K. Mihata

> Cc: Janet L. YALE; Jennifer A. Payne

> Subject: Re: Approved Seattle 1503's

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> Kevin and Jennifer-

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> By combining Number 1 and Number 5, do you mean something like this?

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