



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young
President

October 31, 2014

Dean Robert C. Stacey
College of Arts and Sciences
Box 353765

Dear Bob:

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, and Justice. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Law, Societies, and Justice program is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2014.

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 black ink that reads "Michael K. Young".

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Alyssa Penner (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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College/Campus **Arts & Sciences** Department/Unit **Law, Societies & Justice** Date **5/22/14**

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 _____ 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 _____.
- Change delivery method or location of program.
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____.
- New Honors Requirements for _____.
- Eliminate program in _____.

Proposed Effective Date: Quarter: Autumn Winter Spring Summer Year: **20 14**

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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).

1. Raise minimum cumulative GPA admission requirement from ~~2.0 to 2.5~~ **2.00 to 2.50**
Rationale: LSJ is raising its minimum admission cumulative GPA to a 2.5 to better reflect our current competitive major admissions practices. LSJ has not admitted students below a 2.5 in recent admission cycles. Raising our cumulative admission GPA provides a clearer indication to students of grade expectations for admission.
2. Change LSJ major GPA requirement (in order to graduate) from a ~~2.0 LSJ Major GPA~~ **2.00** to a ~~2.5 LSJ Major GPA~~ **2.50** and a 2.0 in each LSJ major course.
Rationale: Making this change enables LSJ to achieve better parity with the major graduation requirements of other social science majors, including Sociology, International Studies, and Political Science, which all have either 2.25 or 2.5 major GPA requirements. Additionally, by requiring a 2.0 in each major course instead of a 2.0 major average, LSJ will be better able to promote early warning of satisfactory progress issues. Students who earn below a 2.0 in a major course will, with Adviser assistance, more immediately detect a satisfactory progress problem than is possible in the current model, which enables courses below 2.0 to count towards the required graduation major GPA average.

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:
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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.

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 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. Admitted applicants often show evidence of success in social science courses. (See department website or academic adviser for recommended social science courses.)
2. Minimum 2.00 cumulative UW GPA
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6. 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

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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 program website or advisers for list of approved courses. (23-25 credits)
3. One LSJ departmental seminar. Departmental seminar cannot count simultaneously towards the LSJ subfield requirements. (5 credits)
4. Completion of LSJ 461, which includes completion of 100 hours of volunteer experience or internship in a field related to LSJ. (5 credits)

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.

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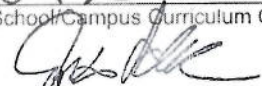

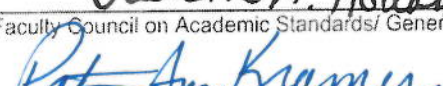
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APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director: 	Date: 5/23/14
College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee: 	Date: 6/9/14
Dean/Vice Chancellor: 	Date: 6/9/14
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: 	Date: 10/24/2014
POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)	
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:	Date:

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Jennifer A. Payne

From: Alyssa Penner <lsjadv@uw.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 1:47 PM
To: Jennifer A. Payne
Subject: LSJ 1503 change to major form

Hi Jennifer,

I have spoken with Steve Herbert, the LSJ Program Director, about your feedback on the LSJ 1503 form we submitted in May and wanted to relay our decision.

We've decided to leave our proposed changes outlined on the 1503 form as we originally submitted it, with full acknowledgement that they may not be approved in their entirety. We felt that other possible GPA changes (that might be more likely to be approved) were less desirable than leaving things as they are. So with that in mind, we'll simply leave our proposal as is and then see what the Committee decides.

We really appreciate the heads up and for giving us plenty of time to think things through.

Many thanks,
Alyssa

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