

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Law and Society

Law and society is an interdisciplinary field that examines how law works in practice in public administration, courts, the non-profit sector, policy, policing, and the justice system. A degree in law and society provides a strong background in how law works in practice. Students learn about legal history and legal policy, how law shapes managerial processes, how it shapes government and the system of justice, and how it affects ordinary people in every walk of life.

For information about potential career paths, visit career.ku.edu/lawandsociety.

Convenient class times and location

Flexible course schedules allow full-time employees and nontraditional students to earn a bachelor's degree without sacrificing the traditional classroom experience. Late afternoon and evening courses meet once per week, allowing you to balance work and family commitments with coursework.

If you are based in Lawrence, the 510 K-10 Connector bus (<http://ridekc.org/routes/510-k10-connector>) takes you right to the KU Edwards Campus.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu>) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

B.A. or B.G.S. in Law & Society

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
LWS 330	Introduction to Law & Society	3
LWS 332	Methods in Law and Society	3
LWS 333	The Pursuit of Rights: Law, Democracy & Power	3
LWS 643	Theoretical Foundations of Law and Society	3
LWS 699	Capstone in Law and Society	3

Code	Title	Hours
Electives		
Complete 5 courses from the following:		
AAAS 306	The Black Experience in the U.S. Since Emancipation	
AAAS 322	Legal Issues and the African American	
AAAS 328	African American Urban Community and Class in the Midwest	
AAAS 510	Global Ethnic and Racial Relations	
AAAS 511	The Civil Rights Movement	
AAAS 611	History of the Black Power Movement	
ABSC 437	Independent Living and People with Disabilities	
ABSC 441	Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues in Applied Behavioral Science	
AMS 320	Border Patrolled States	
AMS 522	American Racial and Ethnic Relations	
AMS 565	Gender, Culture, and Migration	
BBA 302	Legal Aspects of Business	
LWS 691	Internship in Law & Society	
LWS 692	Research Experience in Law & Society	
LWS 693	Directed Readings	
LWS 694	Topics in Public Administration: _____	
PSYC 465	Stereotyping and Prejudice Across Cultures	
PSYC 492	Psychology and Social Issues	
PUAD 330	Introduction to Public Administration	
PUAD 333	Hard Choices in Public Administration: _____	
PUAD 432	Conducting the People's Business Ethically	
PUAD 433	Metropolitics and Macroproblems: The American City in Local and Global Context	
PUAD 601	Crime and Punishment	
PUAD 602	Diversity in Public Administration	
PUAD 639	Concepts of Civil Society	
PUAD 641	Public Service Leadership	
SOC 304	Principles of Sociology	
SOC 306	Principles of Social Problems	
SOC 561	Sociology of Deviance	
WGSS 563	Gender, Sexuality and the Law	
WGSS 640	Politics of Reproductive Policy	
WGSS 653	Gender, War, and Peace	

Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Major Hours

Satisfied by 30 hours of major courses.

Major Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

Major Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 30 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa>).

A sample 4-year plan for the BA degree in Law and Society is available by using the left-side navigation, or by clicking here (<http://catalog.ku.edu/public-affairs-administration/law-and-society-ba-bgs/ba-law-and-society>).

A sample 4-year plan for the BGS degree in Law and Society is available by using the left-side navigation, or by clicking here (<http://catalog.ku.edu/public-affairs-administration/law-and-society-ba-bgs/bgs-law-and-society>).