

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. Students can complete an internship for credit towards their degree. Past internship placements include: Johnson County District Attorney's Office, the City of Shawnee, Planned Parenthood, and Kansas City-area law firms.

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 443	Theoretical Foundations of Law & Society	3
LWS 699	Capstone in Law and Society	3

Code	Title	Hours
Electives		
Complete 4 courses from the following:		

AAAS 306	The Black Experience in the U.S. Since Emancipation
AAAS 322	Legal Issues and the African American
AAAS 437	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 437	Global Ethnic and Racial Relations
ANTH 330	Forensic Anthropology
BBA 302	Legal Aspects of Business
BLAW 301	Legal Aspects of Business
EVRN 332	Environmental Law
LWS 494	Topics in Law & Society: _____
LWS 691	Internship in Law & Society
PSYC 465	Stereotyping and Prejudice Across Cultures
PSYC 492	Psychology and Social Issues
PSYC 566	Psychology and the Law
PUAD 330	Introduction to Public Administration
PUAD 333	Hard Choices in Public Administration: _____
PUAD 401	Administration of Justice
PUAD 402	Diversity and Social Equity in Public Administration
PUAD 432	Conducting the People's Business Ethically
PUAD 433	Metropolitix and Macroproblems: The American City in Local and Global Context
PUAD 439	Concepts of Civil Society
PUAD 441	Public Service Leadership
SOC 304	Principles of Sociology
SOC 306	Principles of Social Problems
SOC 437	Global Ethnic and Racial Relations
SOC 461	Competing Perspectives on Crime and Deviance
SOC 343	American Racial and Ethnic Relations
SPAA 691	Internship Experience
SPAA 692	Research Experience
SPAA 693	Directed Readings
UBPL 200	Sustainability and Society
UBPL 300	Planning the Sustainable City
WGSS 327	Perspectives in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies
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 27 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/>).