

JURISPRUDENCE, LAW, AND SOCIETY (B.A.)

The Bachelor of Arts in Jurisprudence, Law and Society provides a solid foundation for students aspiring to law school and other graduate study, as well as for work in many other careers that require analytic, conceptual, and communications skills. It provides an opportunity for the interdisciplinary study of law in the liberal arts. The major in Jurisprudence represents the confluence of law, theories of justice, humanistic studies and social issues.

Through this major, undergraduate students at Montclair State University have the opportunity to acquire the fundamental knowledge essential to understanding legal institutions and processes. Students in the major develop intellectual skills necessary to evaluate policies, practices, and philosophies within the context of nation and legal systems.

The major draws its essence from a core of Jurisprudence courses, while at the same time building upon the liberal arts focus of discipline-based courses at the university. The capstone experience of the major is a rigorous Senior Research Seminar. This two part, year-long course involves intensive research and writing in a seminar setting. Students prepare a scholarly interdisciplinary, law related, research paper, developed in consultation with a faculty advisor and designed to enhance the student's understanding of the field. Many law schools find the Senior Seminar particularly advantageous in student preparation.

Program objectives include:

1. To sharpen skills as readers and thinkers, as interpreters of culture, and as citizens.
2. To advance the ability to test ethical arguments and textual understandings in contexts where decisions must be made.
3. To understand legal materials, by further developing students interpretive and analytical skills.
4. To study the role of law in the liberal arts by inviting an examination of a wide range of critical questions about people and the ways they live together, to raise issues traditionally linked to liberal inquiry.
5. To participate in a rigorous two-semester Capstone Research Seminar which encompasses intellectual preparation for thinking processes, expands the knowledge base and enhances preparation for law-related study.

In addition to the general criteria for admission to Montclair State University, all students must apply to and be admitted into Jurisprudence, Law and Society major. For entry into the program students must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Top twenty percent of high school graduating class.
2. An overall minimum GPA of 3.0 at the completion of a minimum of 24 credits at Montclair State University or transfer institution.
3. An overall minimum GPA of 3.0 in the student's first three courses in the Jurisprudence major.

For details about this program, including program description, admission requirements, and contact information, click here (<https://www.montclair.edu/academics/programs/ba-jurisprudence-law-and-society/>).

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	New Student Seminar	1
	SEEDS General Education Requirements	31-33
	Major Requirements	33
	Free Electives	55-53
Total Credits		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
JURI 210 or LAWS 200	Perspectives on Law Introduction to Law	3
JURI 300	Essentials of Jurisprudence	3
JURI 324	Legal Reasoning	3
JURI 495	Senior Research and Writing Seminar in Jurisprudence I	3
JURI 496	Senior Research and Writing Seminar in Jurisprudence II	3
LAWS 302	Legal Research	3
Major Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
JURI/GSWS 376	Feminist Jurisprudence	
JURI 474	Human Rights Law	
JURI 499	Special Topics in Jurisprudence (May be taken twice for credit)	
LAWS 220	Conflict and Its Resolution	
LAWS 362	Legal Writing	
POLS 101	American Government and Politics	
POLS 320	Law in Society: Civil Law	
POLS 321	Law in Society: Criminal Law	
POLS 322	American Constitutional Law: The Federal System	
POLS 323	American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	
POLS 331	Animal Rights: Law, Politics and Culture	
POLS 332	U.S. Immigration: Law and Politics	
POLS 351	Comparative Legal Perspectives: Israel and the United States	
POLS 353	Intelligence and National Security	
POLS 363	Politics and Morality of War	
POLS 430	International Law	
POLS 431	Globalization and Security	
Other Major Electives		
<i>Philosophy Elective</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 102	Ethics and Community Engagement	
PHIL 106	Critical Thinking and Writing	
PHIL 206	Philosophical Issues in Law and Justice	
PHIL 264	Critical Reasoning and Arguments	
<i>Additional Elective I</i>		
Select one of the following:		3

ENWR 205	Creative Nonfiction	
WRIT 204	Style and Editing	
HUMN 182	English Vocabulary: Classical Roots	
HUMN 202	General Humanities II (from 1400)	
HUMN 282	Roman Civilization	
LAWS 473	Seminar in Law and Literature	
LNGN 250	Language of Propaganda	
<i>Additional Elective II</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
CHAD 300	Forensic Interviewing of Children	
HIST 212	Social History of the United States	
HIST 411	Cultural and Intellectual History of the United States Since 1880	
LAWS 497	Pre-Law Internship	
POLS 307	American Political Thought	
POLS 317	The American Congress	
POLS 324	Applied Policy Analysis	
PSYC 330	Forensic Psychology	
SOCI 420	Sociology of Law	
Total Credits		33

New Student Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Students in the Adult Learner program must take GNED 100.		
Complete one course from the following. Some courses may be restricted by major. Consult with an academic advisor.		1
ADVS 198	Pathways to Success	
CHEM 190	Freshman Seminar in Chemistry	
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	
GNED 100	Adult Academic Success Seminar	
GNED 199	New Student Seminar	
HPEM 199	Freshman Seminar in Health and Physical Education	
IDS 155	Pathways to Adult Learning	
JUST 199	New Student Seminar	
MATH 102	New Student Experience for Mathematical Sciences	
MUGN 199	Freshman Seminar for Music Majors	
NURS 199	Introduction to Nursing	
POLS 199	Freshman Seminar in Political Science and Law	

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a listing of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
<i>Effective Writing I</i>		
Complete one Effective Writing I course.		3
<i>Effective Writing II</i>		
Complete one Effective Writing II course.		3
<i>Interactive Communication</i>		

Complete one Interactive Communication course.	3
<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>	
Complete one Quantitative Reasoning course.	3
<i>Political and Civic Life</i>	
Complete one Political and Civic Life course.	3
<i>World Languages</i>	
Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.	3-6
Exploration	
Complete one course from four different Exploration categories.	12
<i>Analyzing Cultures and Societies</i>	
<i>Creative Expression</i>	
<i>Ethical Inquiry</i>	
<i>Historical Thinking</i>	
<i>Literary and Artistic Analysis</i>	
<i>Scientific Reasoning</i>	
Total Credits	30-33

Recommended Roadmap to Program of Study Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their program of study requirements within **four years** and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and must be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SEEDS: Effective Writing I	3 SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
New Student Seminar	1 SEEDS: Exploration 2 - Historical Thinking recommended	3
SEEDS: Political and Civic Life	3 Major Elective	3
SEEDS: World Language 1	3 SEEDS World Language 2 or Free Elective	3
SEEDS: Interactive Communication	3 SEEDS: Exploration 3 - Literary and Artistic Analysis recommended	3
SEEDS: Exploration 1 - Analyzing Cultures and Societies recommended	3	
16		15

Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
LAWS 302	3 SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning	3
SEEDS: Exploration 4 - Ethical Inquiry recommended	3 JURI 300	3
Major Elective	3 Major Elective	3

Free Elective/Minor Course	3 Free Elective/Minor Course	3
Free Elective/Minor Course	3 Free Elective/Minor Course	3
15		15
Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
JURI 324	3 Major Elective	3
Major Elective	3 Free Elective/Minor course	3
Free Elective/Minor course	3 Free Elective/Minor Course	3
Free Elective/Minor Course	3 Free Elective/Minor Course	3
Free Elective/Minor course	2 Free Elective/Minor Course	3
14		15
Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
JURI 495	3 JURI 496	3
LAWS 497	4 Free Elective/Minor Course	3
Free Elective/Minor course	3 Free Elective/Minor Course	3
Free Elective/Minor Course	3 Free Elective/Minor Course	3
Free Elective/Minor Course	2 Free Elective/Minor course	3
15		15
Total Credits 120		