

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LAW IN SOCIETY

Program Contact: TBD

A humanities-based approach to law exposes students to different methodologies and distinct approaches to understanding the law in our society. Our comprehensive curriculum introduces students to the foundational aspects of the field of law before challenging them to explore how the law shapes — and is shaped by — particular perspectives, historical contexts and actual practice.

As students navigate both required and elective courses, they master different methods of approaching and solving complex legal problems. Throughout the program, students will investigate the complexities of our legal systems; discover how civil and constitutional systems work; and learn to research, reason and write about the law. These skills will be sharpened beyond the classroom as students complete a professional internship and gain hands-on experience in a law setting.

The Law in Society major culminates in a senior capstone course, which provides the opportunity for students to complete independent research on a legal topic of their choosing and develop a thesis that draws from their coursework and their internship experience. Through this integration of humanities, practical skills and experiential learning, the major has been approved by the American Bar Association as a paralegal program.

Graduates from the program are extraordinarily well prepared for a variety of careers in law and other related fields. Our graduates have excelled in roles spanning policy, compliance, government and politics, social services, criminal justice and conflict resolution. Many students continue their studies in law school, but career prospects don't end at the courtroom or law office. The skills of legal reasoning and critical thinking translate into fields as diverse as policy, mediation, local law enforcement, social services, education and human relations.

**The BA in Law in Society requires a minimum of 120 credits for degree completion.**

Please see footnotes for additional information.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>University Curriculum (<a href="http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum/">http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum/</a>)</b>		<b>46</b>
<b>Modern Language Requirement <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>3-6</b>
<b>Law in Society Core Requirements <sup>2</sup></b>		<b>21</b>
LE 101	Introduction to the American Legal System	
LE 211	Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing I	
LE 212	Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing II	
LE 305	Civil Procedures	
LE 340	American Constitutional Law	
LE 485	Legal Internship Seminar	
LE 490	Senior Seminar in Law in Society	
<b>9 Credits of Electives at the 300 Level or Higher. May be Taken in Any Category of Elective</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>6 Credits of Legal Practice Electives</b>		<b>6</b>

LE 312	Family Law	
LE 315	Wills, Probate and Estate Administration	
LE 320	Land Transfer and Closing Procedures	
LE 328	Employment Law	
LE 330	Law of Business Entities	
LE 345	Intellectual Property	
LE 355	Environmental Law	
LE 360	Mediation	
LE 370	Negotiation	
<b>3 Credits of Alternative Perspectives in the Law Electives</b>		<b>3</b>
LE 250	Gender and the Law	
LE 317	International Law	
LE 318	Human Rights Law and Global Justice	
LE 319	International Law and the Individual	
LE 336	Immigration Law	
LE 342	Comparative Constitutional Law	
LE 356	International Environmental Law	
<b>Additional Requirements</b>		<b>9</b>
JS 101	Introduction to Justice Studies	
Select a 200-level English course		
Select an American History course		
<b>Free Electives</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>117-120</b>

- <sup>1</sup> **All** CAS students must complete one modern language through the 102 level. Students who have taken a language in high school should take the modern language placement test for that language. Placement scores at the 201 level or higher demonstrate language competency and will place out of the language requirement.
- <sup>2</sup> Students must earn a grade of C- or better in all Law in Society core requirements at the 200 level.

Students also must complete a minor in any other department within the university. All Legal Specialty transfer courses will be evaluated by the program director to determine their equivalencies and to ensure that the quality and integrity of the program are maintained if such credit is granted. At least nine credits of Legal Specialty courses, including the Internship experience, must be taken at Quinnipiac University. A maximum of nine credits of Legal Specialty courses may be transferred. Quinnipiac does not award Legal Specialty credit by examination or portfolio.

**Shown below is one of many possible paths through the curriculum. Each student's individual academic plan is crafted in consultation with their academic adviser.**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 30 credits, meet with your adviser at least once a semester and have a GPA of 2.00 or higher.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		

LE 101	Introduction to the American Legal System	3
JS 101	Introduction to Justice Studies	3
EN 101	Introduction to Academic Reading and Writing (UC Writing 1)	3
FYS 101	First-Year Seminar (UC Foundations Inquiry)	3
University Curriculum course		3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
LE 115	Criminal Law	3
or LE 233	Law for Everyday Life	
EN 102	Academic Writing and Research (UC Writing 2)	3
HS 131	U.S. History to 1877	3
or HS 132	U.S. History Since Reconstruction	
University Curriculum Math		3
University Curriculum course		4
<b>Second Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 60 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Meet with your adviser at least once per semester to discuss academic, experiential learning, career and co-curricular opportunities.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
LE 211	Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing I	3
Language at the 101 level		3
University Curriculum course		3
LE 150	Introduction to Mock Trial (if desired)	1
Open Elective		3
Open Elective		3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
LE 212	Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing II	3
LE 340	American Constitutional Law	3
Language at the 102 level (Satisfies CAS Language Requirement)		3
University Curriculum course		3
Open Elective		3
<b>Third Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 90 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Meet with your adviser at least once per semester. Participate in study abroad, complete internship or research opportunities.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
LE 305	Civil Procedures	3
English at the 200 level		3
LE Elective		3
LE Elective		3
Open Elective for minor		3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
CAR 410	LSAT Prep Course (if desired)	1
LE Elective at 300 level		3
University Curriculum course		3

University Curriculum course		3
Open Elective for minor		3
Open Elective for minor		3
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 120 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Complete possible minor or double major and prepare for graduation.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
LE 490	Senior Seminar in Law in Society	3
LE Elective at the 300 level		3
LE Elective		3
University Curriculum course		3
Open Elective for minor		3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
LE 485	Legal Internship Seminar	3
LE Elective at the 300 level		3
Open Elective for minor		3
Open Elective for minor		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate the following competencies:

1. **Evaluate** how law is made, interpreted and applied in different contexts within the United States and abroad.
2. **Create** an original researched argument in the form of a scholarly paper on a chosen topic related to law, incorporating humanities-based inquiry.
3. **Construct and defend** a coherent, well supported legal argument in both written and oral form to diverse audiences.
4. **Draft, review, organize and manage** legal documents and correspondence using proper format and appropriate content.
5. **Apply** their legal skills and knowledge in a professional law-related setting, consistent with ethical standards governing the legal profession.
6. **Understand and analyze** the political, historical and social conditions underlying and affecting the law.

## Admission Requirements: College of Arts & Sciences

The requirements for admission into the undergraduate College of Arts & Sciences programs are the same as those for admission to Quinnipiac University.

Admission to the university is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college prep program in high school. Prospective first-year students are strongly encouraged to file an application as early in the senior year as possible, and arrange to have first quarter grades sent from their high school counselor as soon as they are available.

For detailed admission requirements, including required documents, please visit the Admissions (<http://catalog.qu.edu/general-information/admissions/>) page of this catalog.