Bachelor of Arts in Law in Society

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Quinnipiac University’s Law in Society program approaches the study of law, legal processes and legal institutions in the tradition of the humanities. The classic values of a liberal arts education are combined with the critical thinking, analytical writing and oral presentation skills of the legal profession to prepare graduates to become active and thoughtful citizens in their local and global communities. The Law in Society major culminates with the integration of the classroom component with professional skills development where students complete both a scholarly thesis and an internship in a professional, law-related setting. Graduates of the program are well prepared for a variety of careers in law and law-related fields such as policy, compliance, politics, paralegal, government, social services, criminal justice and conflict resolution, as well as to continue on to law school or to other graduate work in the social sciences or humanities.

Students in the Law in Society major take a wide variety of courses to learn and understand the complexities of the law. The core requirements provide students with the foundation to further explore various areas of law. Students learn to research, reason and write about the law, learn how the civil and constitutional systems work, and work at an internship in a law office setting. Students integrate their education in a senior capstone thesis course, which provides the opportunity to do independent research on a topic of their choosing, pulling together all the courses they have already taken.

A humanities-based approach to law necessitates an exposure to different methodologies and distinct approaches to the understanding of law. While the core component exposes students to the legal methodology and the policy context required to understanding the field of law, the elective requirements provide students with an understanding of how the law shapes and is shaped by particular perspectives, historical contexts and actual practice. The requirement of two Legal Practice courses and one Alternate Perspectives course helps the students to learn different ways of approaching legal problems and exposes them to various ways of problem solving. As part of the major requirements, students complete a legal studies certificate, approved by the American Bar Association.

BA in Law in Society Curriculum

Students majoring in Law in Society must meet the following requirements for graduation:

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<td>LE 101</td>
<td>Introduction to the American Legal System</td>
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<td>Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing I</td>
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<td>LE 305</td>
<td>Civil Procedures</td>
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<td>American Constitutional Law (PO353)</td>
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<td>Legal Internship Seminar</td>
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<td>LE 490</td>
<td>Senior Seminar in Law in Society</td>
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Law in Society Elective Courses

At least 9 credits must be at the 300 level:

Legal Practice Electives

Select two courses of the following:

- 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

Alternative Perspectives in the Law Electives

Select one of the following:

- LE 250 Gender and the Law (WS 250)
- LE 317 International Law (PO 317)
- LE 319 International Law and the Individual
- LE 329 European Union Law
- LE 336 Immigration Law
- LE 342 Comparative Constitutional Law (PO 342)
- LE 356 International Environmental Law

Legal Studies Electives

- LE 115 Criminal Law
- LE 150 Introduction to Mock Trial
- LE 160 Competitive Mock Trial (may be taken up to three times, or twice if LE 150 was taken)
- LE 200 Special Topics
- LE 224 Sports Law (SPS 224)
- LE 225 Alternative Dispute Resolution
- LE 233 Law for Everyday Life
- LE 300 Special Topics
- LE 312 Family Law
- LE 322 Health Care Law (HSC 322)

Three additional courses chosen from any LE elective, including those in Legal Practice and Alternative Perspectives

Additional Requirements

- SO 101 Introduction to Sociology | 3
- Select a 200-level English course | 3
- Select an American History course | 3

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<th>Free Electives</th>
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1. All students must complete the University Curriculum (http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum/) requirements.
2. Students must complete the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum (http://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/cas-curriculum/) requirements specific to their major. See details below.
3. May be taken in conjunction with the College of Arts and Sciences requirements.

Students also must complete a minor in any other department within the university.

**College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum**

The College of Arts and Sciences offers bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees. Students earning either degree must complete one foreign language through the 102-level, and all students are encouraged to pursue a balanced program of study.

In addition, students earning a bachelor of arts degree must fulfill separate requirements for breadth and depth of study.

For the breadth requirement, students must complete at least 3 credits in each of the four CAS disciplinary areas other than the area of the student’s major. These areas are fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. A course taken to fulfill the CAS breadth requirement may not also be used to fulfill a UC requirement.

For the depth requirement, students must complete at least 9 credits within a single subject area other than that of the major. (A “subject area” is identified with a catalog subject code, such as PL, CJ, WS, MA, etc.)

A student enrolled in the Accelerated Dual-Degree BA/JD or BS/JD (3+3) program is exempt from these College of Arts and Sciences requirements, with the exception of the foreign language requirement. A student pursuing a double major is likewise exempt from these College of Arts and Sciences requirements, with the exception of the foreign language requirement.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

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

1. **Understand and critically assess** how law is made, interpreted and applied in different contexts within the United States and abroad.
2. **Research, analyze and write** a scholarly paper on a chosen topic related to law, incorporating humanities-based inquiry.
3. **Formulate and present** a coherent, well supported legal argument in both written and oral form to diverse audiences.
4. **Apply their legal skills and knowledge** of the humanities in a professional law-related setting, consistent with ethical standards governing the legal profession.
5. **Understand the political, historical and social conditions** underlying and affecting the law.

**Admission Requirements: College of Arts and Sciences**

The requirements for admission into the undergraduate College of Arts and 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.