

LAW, PUBLIC POLICY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Overview and Contact Information

The goal of the Nexus in Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights is to provide students with the tools necessary to form a deep understanding of how complex relationships between local and national political processes both create public policies and shape legislation and its interpretation. This Nexus provides students with both an academic and experiential lens. Students will choose courses from several departments including politics, economics, history, and sociology in order to examine how both law and public policies are imbedded in much larger social, historical, and economic realities.

See Also

- Politics (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/politics/>)
- International Relations (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/international-relations/>)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chair:

Elif Babül, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Teaching Fall Only

Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
	Three courses above the 100 level chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus or selected with approval of the track chair	12
	One approved 300-level course from the list of courses approved for this Nexus or selected with approval of the track chair	4
	Completion of the UAF application stages 1 and 2 ¹	
	A substantive internship ²	
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
	A presentation at LEAP Symposium	
Total Credits		18

¹ Or a fifth class with approval of the track chair

² At least 240 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization's stated mission and complements the student's area of focus

Additional Specifications

- Nexus students will develop a brief proposal outlining their specific area of focus and provide a course outline for approval from the track chair. A Plan of Study form must be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
 - COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Courses other than those listed below may count toward the Nexus. Students should consult the Nexus track chair for consideration of courses not on the list.

Code	Title	Credits
Africana Studies		
AFCNA-208	Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory	4
AFCNA-341EM	Topics in Africana Studies: 'The Age of Emancipation'	4
Anthropology		
ANTHR-216HR	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Anthropology and Human Rights'	4
ANTHR-316LW	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Ethnographies of Law'	4
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
Critical Social Thought		
CST-249BE	Topics in Critical Social Thought: 'Buddhist Ethics'	4
CST-249DR	Topics in Critical Social Thought: 'Disability and Religion'	4
CST-249TJ	Topics in Critical Social Thought: Culture: 'Transforming Justice and Practicing Truth to Power: Critical Methodologies and Methods in Community Participatory Action Research and Accountability'	4
CST-349MC	Advanced Topics: 'Latinas/os/x and Housing: Mi Casa Is Not Su Casa'	4
Economics		
ECON-213	Economic Development	4
ECON-220	Introduction to Econometrics	4
ECON-310	Seminar in Public Economics	4
ECON-320	Econometrics	4
ECON-345	Corporate Governance	4
Entrepreneurship, Orgs & Soc		
EOS-299ND	Topic: 'Individuals and Organizations'	4
Gender Studies		
GNDST-333MC	Advanced Seminar: 'Latinas/os/x and Housing: Mi Casa Is Not Su Casa'	4

GNDST-333PG	Advanced Seminar: 'Who's Involved?: Participatory Governance, Emerging Technologies and Feminism'	4
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History

HIST-230	History and Law	4
HIST-301EM	Colloquium: 'The Age of Emancipation'	4

International Relations

IR-337	International Human Rights Advocacy in Theory and Practice	4
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Latina/o Studies

LATST-350MC	Special Topics in Latina/o Studies: 'Latinas/os/x and Housing: Mi Casa Is Not Su Casa'	4
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Philosophy

PHIL-225	Symbolic Logic	4
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Politics

POLIT-235	Constitutional Law: The Federal System	4
POLIT-236	Civil Liberties	4
POLIT-247	International Law and Organization	4
POLIT-315	The United States and the Promotion of Democracy and Human Rights	4
POLIT-327	Transitional Justice	4
POLIT-343	Law and Religion	4
POLIT-366	Global Migration	4
POLIT-384	Ending War and Securing the Peace: Conflict Mediation and Resolution in the 21st Century	4
POLIT-385	International Security	4

Psychology

PSYCH-201	Statistics	4
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Religion

RELIG-209	Disability and Religion	4
RELIG-267	Buddhist Ethics	4

Sociology

SOCI-225	Social Science Research and Data Analysis	4
SOCI-231	Criminology	4
SOCI-234	Social Problems	4

Spanish

SPAN-350MG	Advanced Studies in Concepts and Practices of Power: 'Spanish Migrations'	4
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