

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

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
A substantive internship ¹		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
A presentation at LEAP Symposium		
Total Credits		18

¹ At least 200 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 including a course outline. Students will

schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete a Plan of Study form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKmJ0emEKS2yRQpDd_YULP8INbkckyh9Rf1ys4M_dvlyh-0A/viewform/) to 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
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 Race & Political Econ		
CRPE-208	Introduction to Twentieth-Century Critical Race Theory	4
CRPE-244	The Historical-Grammar of Black Feminist Thought Across the Caribbean and the Americas	4
CRPE-356	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
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
History		
HIST-230	History and Law	4
Philosophy		
PHIL-225	Symbolic Logic	4
Politics		
POLIT-235	Constitutional Law: The Federal System	4
POLIT-236	Civil Liberties	4
POLIT-247	International Law and Organization	4
POLIT-273	Public Policy	4
POLIT-314	Political Violence: Causes and Solutions	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
Religion		
RELIG-209	Disability and Religion	4
RELIG-267	Buddhist Ethics	4
Sociology		
SOCI-216WK	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Sociology of Social Work'	4
SOCI-225	Social Science Research and Data Analysis	4
SOCI-231	Criminology	4
SOCI-234	Social Problems	4
SOCI-316VN	Special Topics in Sociology: 'Violence and Intimacy'	4
Spanish		
SPAN-350MG	Advanced Studies in Concepts and Practices of Power: 'Spanish Migrations'	4