LPSC 1101 - Introduction to Law
Examines the role of law and society from a regulatory, constitutional, and judicial perspective, noting the role each of these has played in shaping the current legal framework in the United States. Introduces students to the relationship between law, societal organizations (both nongovernmental organizations and not-for-profit organizations), the private sector, and the separate branches of government (the judiciary, congressional, and executive branches). Provides students with the opportunity to learn to legally analyze judicial opinions, prepare legal memoranda, and present an oral argument.

MEETING TIMES: Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.
CRN: 11687
PROFESSOR: Jamie Hoag

LPSC 2301 - Introduction to Law, Policy, and Society
Examines the relationship of society to its laws: how society creates changes in law or policy via societal pressure and social movements (such as the environmental, women’s rights, and corporate accountability movements); how law and policy affect individual rights and behavior; whether a society needs laws in order to function; the relationship between some branches of our government in effectuating social change; and some of the fundamental differences between societies governed by seemingly similar but pragmatically different laws, such as the right to a jury trial.

MEETING TIMES: Mondays/Wednesdays, 2:50 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
CRN: 10643
PROFESSOR: Daniel Urman

LPSC 3303 - Law and Mental Health
This course examines mental health law and policies in the United States and provides an overview of future trends in mental health law and policy. The course will include issues such as: care and treatment of vulnerable people, criminal and forensic aspects, human rights, and guardianships. Topics include definitions of psychopathy and its relation to sociopathy and antisocial personality disorder; neuroscientific and psychological research into causation and treatment; similarities and differences among male and female psychopaths; social and media reaction; and legal responses. The course evaluates accompanying ethical, social, and policy implications and assesses various approaches to fundamental ethical dilemmas and the impact of law in contemporary society. We will look at the role of ethical theory as it applies to the expert’s self-interest, positive and negative consequences for the defendant and society at large, psychologist expert duties to themselves, and conflicts with the case of the week.

MEETING TIMES: Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
CRN: 18135
PROFESSOR: Karina Money

LSPC 5201 - Law and the City
Examines key legal structures, court decisions, and social research to consider the ability of cities to make and implement public policies that directly affect the everyday lives of millions of people. American cities and their residents are frequently faced with similar legal and political questions. Topics include federalism, land-use planning and development, business regulation, gun control, school choice, public health, and climate adaptation initiatives.

MEETING TIMES: Thursdays, 5:15 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.
CRN: 15731
PROFESSOR: Michael Gleba