LAW AND SOCIETY

Sociologists study institutions, and among the most important is the law. This concentration examines issues such as: What is deviance and how do we define it? What is the relationship between the law and other social institutions? This concentration is suitable for students with a variety of interests, but may be especially well-suited to those interested in careers in law and criminal justice.

Basic Courses:

SOC 2 Social Problems and Public Policy
SOC 3 Deviance and Social Control
SOC 6 Race and Ethnic Relations
SOC 8 Political Sociology
SOC 112 Discrimination: Sexual and Racial Conflict
SOC 122 Sociology of Gender
SOC 135 Law and Society
SOC 140 Social Conflict
SOC 200 Criminal Justice
SOC 233 Criminology
SOC 235 Law and Social Change
SOC 252 Human Rights
SOC 273 Law, Medicine, and Public Policy
SOC 380 Neighborhood Dynamics of Crime
SOC 410 Experiments in Social Justice

An assortment of graduate courses is also relevant to this concentration. With the instructor’s permission, students may take these as well, but taking graduate classes is not required.