

# Socio-legal Studies Major

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<b>Overview:</b>	<p>The School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology offers an interdisciplinary major in socio-legal studies. This program is designed to provide Bachelor of Arts students with an opportunity to examine law in its societal, political, and cultural context. It will appeal to students who wish to use the methods and perspectives of various academic disciplines to study legal issues and to use the conceptual framework of the law to illuminate empirical and theoretical concerns in the various disciplines. It is a field of study within the Faculty of Arts curriculum which helps students develop their ability to think clearly and to analyse arguments critically. It provides sound preparation for a variety of activities including teaching, public and social policy, public advocacy, business administration and government.</p>																									
<b>Objectives:</b>	See course objectives.																									
<b>Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>A major in socio-legal studies consists of eight 12.5 point subjects totalling 100 points. It comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># two first-year arts subjects (25 points) including Law In Society; and</li> <li># three socio-legal subjects at second-year level (37.5 points) including Law, Justice, and Social Change; and</li> <li># three socio-legal studies subjects at third-year level (37.5 points) including Law in Social Theory.</li> </ul> <p>Students who commenced their degree before 2007 will need to complete 112.5 points toward this major in order to complete the major. For the specific major structure you must follow, refer to the handbook produced in the year you commenced your degree, available online at <a href="https://psc.unimelb.edu.au/">https://psc.unimelb.edu.au/</a> (<a href="https://psc.unimelb.edu.au/">https://psc.unimelb.edu.au/</a>) .</p> <p>If you have any questions about the major structure or subjects, please contact the <b>Arts &amp; Music Student Centre</b> (<a href="http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/about/contact.html">http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/about/contact.html</a>) .</p>																									
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Students may choose their remaining three subjects from the following options. The inclusion of alternative subjects may be possible in consultation with the socio-legal studies convenor.

Indigenous People, History and the Law and Arts Law in Australia are third-year subjects only.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
AUST20005 Migrant Nation: Culture and Identity	Semester 1	12.50
POLS20008 Public Policy Making	Semester 1	12.50
POLS20011 Sexual Politics	Semester 1	12.50
AMGT30001 Arts Law in Australia	Semester 1	12.50
MULT20003 Critical Analytical Skills	Semester 1	12.50
CRIM20002 Critical Criminal Law	Not offered 2011	12.50
CRIM30006 Crime and Culture	Semester 1	12.50
CRIM20006 Punishment and Social Control	Semester 1	12.50
SOCI30003 Sociology of Youth	Semester 1	12.50
MULT30017 Indigenous People and Social Control	Semester 1	12.50
POLS30007 Change & Conflict in Australian Society	Semester 1	12.50
CRIM20003 Policing	Semester 2	12.50
CRIM20004 Order, Disorder, Crime, Deviance	Semester 2	12.50
SOCI20007 Terrorism: Shifting Paradigms	Semester 2	12.50
CRIM30002 Global Criminology	Semester 2	12.50
CRIM30005 Crimes of the Powerful	Semester 2	12.50
SOCI30005 Sociology Internship	Semester 2	25
POLS30025 Democracy, Terrorism and Violence	Semester 2	12.50
POLS30015 International Gender Politics	Semester 2	12.50
MULT20008 Australian Indigenous Politics	Semester 2	12.50
ISLM20008 Islam and the State in Indonesia	Not offered 2011	12.50

**Related Course(s):**

Bachelor of Arts  
 Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Commerce  
 Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Music  
 Bachelor of Arts (Combined Theology)  
 Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science  
 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences  
 Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) and Bachelor of Arts  
 Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) and Bachelor of Arts