**Faculty**

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Those faculty members who teach courses approved for credit in the Law and Society Concentration constitute the program’s extended faculty. Consult the director for a list.

Kenyon’s Law and Society Concentration is an acknowledgment of the increasing importance within the best liberal-arts institutions of programs that emphasize the study of law, legal institutions, and the legal profession. This program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive, coherent curricular structure within which to examine a plethora of law-related issues that emerge across disciplines and for which these various disciplines seek, if not to find the correct answers about law, to ask appropriate questions.

Students pursuing this area of study will ponder the relationship between law and human behavior and the role of law in society. They will focus their work in three primary areas: philosophies of law, law as a social institution, and law and government. Students will begin their exploration of law in society with the Introduction to Legal Studies and conclude it with a Senior Seminar in Legal Studies, which will encompass a directed research project within a selected theme or topic.

**Introduction to Legal Studies**  
*LGLS 110 (1/2 unit)*  
*Staff*

This course examines the law, legal profession, and legal institutions from a variety of traditional social-science perspectives. The primary frame of reference will be sociological and social psychological. The objective of the course is to expose students to a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives on law and to encourage the examination of law-related phenomena through the literature of multiple disciplines. Topics to be covered include law as a social institution; law as a social-control mechanism; a history of law in the United States; the U.S. criminal justice system; philosophies of law; law and psychology; comparative legal cultures; and law and social change.

This survey course is intended to encourage and facilitate a critical study of “law in society” and serve as a foundation from which to pursue the study of law and legal issues in other curricular offerings. This course is required for those students who intend to complete a Law and Society Concentration. Requirements: sophomore standing or higher and permission of instructor. Enrollment limited.

**Individual Study**  
*LGLS 293 (1/2 unit)*  
*Staff*

This course is for students who wish to do advanced work beyond regular courses or to study topics not included in course offerings. Prerequisites: permission of instructor and program director.

**Individual Study (Intermediate)**  
*LGLS 393 (1/2 unit)*  
*Staff*

Prerequisites: permission of instructor and concentration director.
focus on understanding the role of the
media in relation to crime and
criminal justice, particularly through
the advent of new technologies.
Another segment will examine the
public’s perception of law and justice
in popular culture, using examples in
literature, film, and television.
Prerequisites: sophomore standing or
higher. Enrollment limited.

Sociology of Law
SOCY 226 (1/2 unit)
See course description in sociology
section.

Special Topic: Law and the Social
Order
LGLS 292.01 (1/2 unit)
Staff
In what ways, if any, do laws and legal
institutions make a difference to
people who have disputes? How is
lawyering structured as a modern
profession? How do business
organizations deal with legal ambiguity
in constructing symbols of compliance
with laws? How do networks of
interpretive communities structure the
authority of law? By exploring topics
such as these, we seek to understand
the distinctive contributions of
sociology to the study of law and the
social order. This middle-level course
can be taken for sociology credit.
Prerequisites: foundation course in
sociology or permission of instructor.

Special Topic: Law and Social
Relations: Persons, Identities,
Groups
LGLS 292.02 (1/2 unit)
Staff
Even as law presents itself as an
autonomous institution for the
resolution of social conflict, one with
its own rhetorical codes and adjudica-
tive practices, it remains embedded in
and often a catalyst for the very
struggles over culture, identity, and
power that it seeks to mediate. This
course examines the content given to
various social identities, particularly
those of race and gender, by the
American legal system at specific
historical moments; and the interplay
and clash of those legal constructions
with other voices asserting their own
versions of experience of identity.

This mid- to upper-level course can be
taken for sociology credit. Prerequi-
sites: foundation course in sociology or
permission of instructor.

Individual Study
LGLS 294 (1/2 unit)
Staff
This course if for students who wish
to do advanced work beyond regular
courses or to study topics not included
in course offerings. Prerequisites:
permission of instructor and program
director.

Individual Study (Intermediate)
LGLS 394 (1/2 unit)
Staff
Prerequisites: permission of instructor
and concentration director.

Individual Study (Advanced)
LGLS 494 (1/2 unit)
Staff
Prerequisites: permission of instructor
and concentration director.

Additional courses available another
year:

LGLS 276 Women, Law, and the
Constitution
LGLS 277 Select Themes in U.S.
Legal History
LGLS 283 African Americans,
Crime, and the Law
SOCY 229 Women, Crime, and the
Law
SOCY 257 Law and the American
Family

Also check other departmental
listings for courses granting law and
society credit. In previous years, such
courses have included:

PHIL 115 Practical Issues in Ethics
PSCI 302 Supreme Court and
American Politics
RELN 380/SOCY 243 Ethics and
Social Justice