LAW AND SOCIETY UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE WITH HONORS AFFILIATION

Introduction
The Law and Society Certificate curriculum educates undergraduate students in the Honors Program, and those who are academically and exceptionally prepared, in sociolegal research. Sociolegal scholarship takes liberal arts and interdisciplinary approach to legality, rather than a pre-professional approach to the study of law. The Certificate will emphasize the particular strengths of the participating sociolegal scholars, including concerns of comparative legality (particularly the study of Asian and Pacific legal issues), the experience of indigenous peoples with the law, and other issues drawn from criminology, legal history, legal sociology, literature, public law, women’s studies, and jurisprudence.

History of the Certificate Program
The Law and Society Certificate was approved by the College of Arts and Sciences in December 2005, and has been offered since the spring of 2006. From its inception, it has been interdisciplinary and drawn instructors from across the College of Arts and Sciences.

Re-organization of the Certificate Program
The Law and Society Certificate will become part of the Honors Program, but will also admit non-Honors students who are exceptionally qualified.

a. Admission: Acceptance into the Certificate Program will be based on student interest among participants in UHM’s Honors Program (who will have priority), and those other students who have maintained at least a 3.5 GPA. An application and approval by the director of the Certificate Program will be required.

b. Fields of concentration: The Law and Society scholarship has traditionally drawn from the disciplines of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Literature, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. The Certificate faculty will be drawn from these disciplines.

c. Credits and their distribution: 15 credits will be required to complete the certificate. Completion of the Certificate (even for non-Honors students) will require a thesis compatible with the expectations of the Honors Program. The distribution of credits will be as follows:

   a. Three-credits of POLS/SOC 374: Law, Politics, and Society – an introduction to sociolegal scholarship
   b. Three-credits of HON 491: Junior Seminar of Law and Society
   c. Six-credits or two elective from a list of approved Law and Society Certificate Program courses. (See Appendix A)
   d. Three-credits of HON 496: Senior Honors Project or SOC499/POLS 404: Thesis

Support from the Honors Program
a. The Honors Program will link to the Law and Society Certificate on its webpage.

b. The Law and Society Certificate faculty will be designated by the Honors Director and/or Honors Council and nominated from within a group of interested faculty.

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c. The Honors Program will schedule a Junior Seminar in Law and Society at least once per year (preferably in Spring semester) and POLS/SOC 374: Law, Politics, and Society once a year (preferably in Fall semester).
d. The Honors Program will compensate host departments with a one-semester lectureship to all faculty who teach or co-teach a Junior Seminar in Law and Society and who teach and co-teach POLS/SOC 374: Law, Politics, and Society.
e. Enrollment in the Junior Seminar in Law and Society and POLS/SOC 374: Law, Politics, and Society will be open to Honors students and other students who have been approved by the designated faculty of Law and Society on the basis of application and eligibility.
f. In consultation with the Honors Program, the designated faculty of the Law and Society group will organize the schedule for teaching the Junior Seminar in Law and Society and POLS/SOC 374: Law, Politics, and Society introductory course.
g. Depending on the availability of funds, the Honors Director will consider occasional requests from the Law and Society faculty to compensate guest speakers from Hawaii and elsewhere. Guest speakers would participate in Law and Society classes and/or other seminars and symposia that engage in study of law and its social contexts.

Appendix A: List of approved Law and Society Certificate courses:
- AMST 365: American Empire
- AMST 431/HIST 477: American Labor History
- AMST 435: History of Crime and Punishment
- COM 451: Communication and Law
- ECON 476: Law and Economics
- ES 340: Land Tenure and Use in Hawaii
- ES 410: Race, Class, and the Law
- HWST 440: Mahele Land Awards
- HWST 445: Hawaiian Institutions
- HWST 495: Kumu Kanawai: Western Law and Hawaii
- HWST 496: Kanawai II: Practical Application of Rights
- HIST 475: Constitutional History of U.S.
- HIST 477/AMST 431: American Labor History
- PHIL 317: Critical Thinking: Pre-Law
- PHIL 318: Philosophy of Law
- POLS 317: International Law
- POLS 367: Disability Law and Politics
- POLS 375: Constitutional Law I: Institutions and Powers
- POLS 376: Constitutional Law II: Rights and Liberties
- POLS 377: Topics in Law and Politics
- POLS 393: Advanced Topics in Law, Policy, and Society
- SOC 333: Survey of Criminology
- SOC 431: Analysis in Crime
- SOC 432: Analysis in Corrections
- SOC 435/WS 435: Women and Crime
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- WS 436: Women and the Law