The Philosophy and Law Minor

The minor in Philosophy and Law allows you to take classes that cover such issues as: What is the relation between law and morality? How do changes in technology contribute to changes in the law (e.g. regarding medicine or environmental issues)? Does the law help or hurt oppressed groups in society? How can international law contribute to peace? Should same-sex marriage be a legal right?

Coinciding with the minor, the Department has created an advanced course in Philosophy of Law, PHL 454, Topics in Philosophy of Law. PHL 454 presents a rotation of specialized subjects, and is available for students to take more than once. Possible topics include: the relation between law and democracy; environmental justice; human rights; international law; and race, gender, and the law.

Requirements:

- At least 18 credit hours in Philosophy, including
- Logic requirement: PHL 130 (Logic and Reasoning) or PHL 330 (Formal Reasoning) or PHL 432 (Logic and its Metatheory)
- Philosophy of law requirement: PHL 354 (Philosophy of Law) or PHL 454 (Topics in Philosophy of Law)
- One course in ethics, social, or political philosophy drawn from a menu of a dozen at the 300-level
- At least one course at the 400 level

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Are you interested in ethical, social, and political issues?

Do you want to sharpen your reasoning and argumentative skills?

Do you want to delve into the core values and principles at the heart of the law?

Are you ready to maximize your LSAT score?