

Cognate Courses

ESG 366
 LIB 210, LIB 211, LIB 212, LIB 213, LIB 214,
 LIB 215, LIB 216, LIB 217, LIB 218
 POL 100, POL 228, POL 229, POL 324,
 POL 325, POL 348, POL 420
 PSY 342
 SOC 320
 RSC 232

Pre-Law

Program Overview

The Pre-Law Minor and Certificate programs are designed to ground students in the concepts of justice, law, and equity, civic governance and responsible citizenship, while also building a knowledge-base in a wide array of related disciplines, such as literature, history, politics, and criminology. The program will also expose students to core competencies – such as problem solving, critical reading, oral and written communications, research, organization and time-management, leadership, and team-building – that enhance capacities for success in law school or other careers within the justice system.

This program is interdisciplinary and offers students the opportunity to develop and/or hone their skills in the areas of logic and critical thinking, argumentation and debate, time-management, and group dynamics. The program aligns with the vision and values of Bishop's University, and seeks to enhance the mission to provide students with an exemplary undergraduate experience in the classroom and beyond. To develop these competencies, students will choose from a list of Humanities, Social Sciences, and other courses provided and will take one capstone course, to be offered annually during the Winter term. Participants should note that the program does not guarantee admission to law school but seeks rather to help in their success once admitted.

Course selection from a select list is based on LSAT criteria and disciplinary knowledge: Content, Reading Comprehension, Analytical Reasoning, Writing proficiency, and Logical Reasoning.

Programs

Pre-Law Minor (24 credits)

MINPRL

For the minor, students will take two courses each from the Logical and Analytical Reasoning lists, three from the Reading and Writing categories, and the capstone course.

For the minor, double counting will be allowed on the same basis as the certificate and students may not take more than two 100 level courses. Double counting of courses between the certificate and a student's major or honours program should be set at a maximum of two courses or six credits. To receive the certificate, students may not take more than three 100 level courses.

Certificate in Pre-Law

(30 credits)

CONPRL

For the certificate, students will be obliged to take one course from the Content list, two courses from each of the Analytical and Logical Reasoning lists and four courses from the Writing and Reading category, plus the capstone course, in order to complete the program.

In order to ensure that this is a selective program for students, the minimum average required for admission into the certificate will be 80%/25 R score.

Please note also: Courses taken within the Pre-Law Certificate program cannot be counted as courses towards a university degree. Students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at Bishop's should therefore take the minor, the courses for which can be counted towards their degree.

List of Courses

(Please refer to other sections of the Academic Calendar for full course descriptions)

1. Content

BMG 221	Business Law
CLA 321	Laws and Outlaws in Ancient Rome
DRA 131	Acting I
DRA 132	Acting II
DRA 212	Theatre and the State
FIH 240	Art Popular and Mass Culture
HIS 228	Memory, Truth and Reconciliation
HIS 229	Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations
HIS 300	The Law of the Land: Indigenous Treaties with Canada
HIS 393	Inquisitions, Law and Society
LIB 370	Social Movements and Social Change in Brazil
RSC 200	Politics and Religion
ECO 217	International Economics
ECO 237	Economics of the Environment
SOC 207	Sociology of Indigenous-Settler Relations
SOC 209	Young Offenders
SOC 235	Women and the Penal System
ESG 354	Environmental Impact Assessment
POL 101	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 112	Introduction to Canadian Politics
POL 118	Constitutional Law and Canadian Government
POL 214	Public Administration
POL 344	The Politics of International Trade and Investment
POL 345	Introduction to Public International Law
PSY 356	Forensic Psychology

2. Analytical Reasoning (making connections)

BMG 322	Change Management - Prereq: BHR 221
BMG 323	Interpersonal Skills - Prereq: BHR 221
ENG 205	The Art of Rhetoric
ENG 255	Legal Bodies: Crime & Culture in Victorian England
ENG 352	Canadian Literature and Theories of Globalization
FIH 314	Colonial and Postcolonial Issues in the Visual Arts
HIS 234	The Italian Renaissance
HIS 269	First Nations/Settler Relations
LIB 212	In Search of Justice
LIB 214	Environmental Justice and Ecological Crisis
LIB 222	Citizenship and Democratic Practice I
LIB 223	Citizenship and Democratic Practice II
RSC 232	Philosophy of Religion
ECO 322	Real Estate Economics
SOC 208	Criminology
SOC 230	Deviance 1
SOC 233	Carceral Studies and Justice Clinic
SOC 298	Social Problems
SOC 304	Experiential Learning in Sociology II <i>(Note: SOC 233 may be a pre-requisite and this course could be substituted for the capstone course)</i>
SOC 309	Advanced Seminar in Global Colonization and Decolonization
SOC 331	Deviance 2: Selected Topics
SOC 340	Women: Theory and Ideology
ESG 266	Environmental Policy
ESG 350	Environmental Justice
POL 334	Public Policy Analysis
POL 338	International Law and Human Rights

3. Logical Reasoning (problem solving)

BHR 316	Organizational Conflict and Negotiation
LAT 101F	Beginners' Latin I
LAT 200	Intensive Intermediate Latin (or LAT 201a, 202b)
PHI1xx	Any Philosophy Introductory Course
MAT 100	Excursions in Modern Mathematics
MAT 200	Introduction to Discrete Mathematics
SOC 315	Political Sociology in the Digital Era
SOC 311	Quantitative Tools for Social Research
PSY 330	Psychology and Ethics

4. Reading Comprehension and Writing Proficiency

Any 200 or 300 level courses in Classical Studies, English, History and Global Studies, Liberal Arts, Philosophy or Religion, Society and Culture.*

**There are some exceptions, so consultation with the pre-law chair is strongly recommended.*

Religion, Society and Culture

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Program Overview

The study of religion has been a foundational part of Bishop's University's mission since the institution's establishment in the mid-19th century. At that time, the focus was primarily on Christianity. Today, as a department in the Humanities division, we offer a broad range of courses covering the major global religions of the modern world; investigating the cultic expressions and mythological underpinnings of ancient Middle Eastern and Mediterranean civilizations; and examining religion thematically from a number of different perspectives. **Our approach is not theological in any way.** Our objective is instead to further the understanding of religion in an overall sense, and explore how it has informed human existence.

Religion does not exist in a vacuum. It is linked to myriad aspects of society and culture, including philosophical thought, psychological, social, political and economic dimensions, fine arts, literature and sports, and the issue of human mortality. Thus, the academic study of religion is an interdisciplinary pursuit. Students taking an Religion, Society and Culture Honours or Major are encouraged to take courses in other, related fields and, conversely, students in other disciplines are welcomed in Religion, Society and Culture courses in order to round out their understanding of their areas of concentration.

Students planning on entering professions such as education, social work, law, clinical psychology, theatre, music, business, etc., may pursue courses in Religion, Society and Culture in order to enhance their vocational and personal lives. (The study of religion may also, of course, be in preparation for some form of ministry.)