



# Law & Society Qualification Year

FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

## An exciting new option at York University

The Law & Society Qualification Year offers a focused first year of study with all the courses you need to gain entry to the Law & Society program in your second year.

Honours Law & Society (LASO) is a competitive entry program, and while we are unable to offer you a space in that program at this time, we believe that high-achieving students should have an option to enter this program after successfully completing the Law & Society Qualification Year.

We are offering you an exciting new option to gain entry into LASO through a first year qualification program. The Law & Society Qualification Year at York University will allow you entry into Law & Society in your second year **conditional upon meeting a number of requirements in your first year.**

### What courses will I take?

#### LAW & SOCIETY QUALIFICATION YEAR REQUIRED COURSES

- SOSC 1375 Introductory Socio-Legal Studies (total 6 credits)
- General Education requirements (21 credits) as below:
  - 6.00 credits in Natural Science
  - A 9.00 credit approved general education course in Social Sciences or Humanities
  - A 6.00 credit approved general education course in the opposite category to your 9.00 credit choice in Social Sciences or Humanities

In addition to the required courses you must maintain a 5.00 GPA in your first year in order to progress to the Law & Society program.

### What happens after my Qualification Year?

Successful completion of your first year requirements will allow you entry into Law & Society in your second year.

### What if I'm not successful in my Qualification Year?

Should you not be successful in completing your Qualification Year requirements, the courses you do achieve credit in will allow you to pursue a number of other exciting law focused programs in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies including: Public Policy and Administration, Political Science, Interdisciplinary Social Science and Sociology.

We will advise you of your options throughout your first year in order to take every step to ensure your success at York University and beyond.

## FIRST YEAR MAJOR AND ELECTIVE COURSES

### Introductory Socio-legal Studies

This introductory course will provide an overview of several major themes in the field of socio-legal studies, including law and social justice, social science and legal knowledge, law and social change, and law, culture and diversity.

### Law and Morality in Literature and Culture (HUMA Credit)

This course examines aspects of the relationships between law and morality in literary, filmic and philosophical works from Ancient Greece to the Modern World and in several modern court cases.



### Introduction to Social Science (SOSC Credit)

The course considers the distinctive characteristics of modern society including the impact of modernization on the family, religion, economic behaviour, politics and belief systems. It introduces many of the major concepts social scientists use in analyzing how society works.

### Gender and the Law (SOSC Credit)

This course explores the role of gender within the context of the legal system. Current issues that highlight the relationship between gender and law are examined by analyzing both legislation and case law. Topics include: divorce, rape and equal pay.

### Modes of Reasoning: Reasoning about Social Issues (SOSC Credit)

This is a skills-based course focusing on critical thinking, research-based writing, and qualitative and quantitative analysis. The particular focus will be on different positions taken within the social sciences on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, pornography, immigration etc.

### Modes of Reasoning: Reasoning about Morality and Values (HUMA Credit)

This is a skills-based course focusing on critical thinking, critical writing, and logical and linguistic analysis. The course uses examples drawn from areas in the humanities where value judgements are made. Different sections will stress different topics in ethics, aesthetics, religion or law.

## For More Information

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We are very pleased to offer you this exciting new option at York University and look forward to seeing you in September!

**Accept your offer of admission today!**

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