

## Law and Society Qualification Year

### An exciting new option at York University

The Law and Society Qualification Year offers a focused first year of study with all the courses you need to gain entry to the Law and Society program upon completion.

Honours Law and Society (LASO) is a highly competitive program. Although spaces are limited at this time, those who do not meet our entry requirements still have the option to pursue studies at York through our Law and Society Qualification Year program. This alternative has been created to accommodate student applicants with good academic standing.

The Honours Law and Society Qualification Year is a pathway to entry into the Honours Law and Society program after your first year of study, conditional upon meeting the following requirements:

- Successful completion of 24 credits, including LASO Qualification Year required courses;
- achieving a final cumulative GPA of 5.0 (C+).

### What courses will I take?

- SOSC 1375 3.00 Introductory Socio-legal Studies
- General Education Courses (minimum 15 credits) as noted below
- Elective Courses

#### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LIBERAL ARTS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

- 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

### What happens after my Qualification Year?

Successful completion of your first year requirements will allow you entry into the Honours Law and Society program 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 SUGGESTED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

### **AP/SOSC 1375 3.00 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.

### **AP/HUMA 1825 9.00 Law and Morality in Literature and Culture**

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

### **AP/SOSC 1000 9.00 Introduction to Social Science**

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.

### **AP/SOSC 1350 9.00 Gender and the Law**

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.

### **AP/MODES 1730 6.00 Modes of Reasoning: Reasoning about Social Issues**

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.

### **AP/MODES 1760 6.00 Modes of Reasoning: Reasoning about Morality and Values**

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.



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