Nexus in Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights

The Nexus in Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights is administered by a faculty advisory group led by Assistant Professor Reiter (politics).

Overview

The goal of the Nexus in Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights is to provide students with the tools necessary to form a deep understanding of how complex relationships between local and national political processes both create public policies and shape legislation and its interpretation. This Nexus provides students with both an academic and experiential lens. Students will choose courses from several departments including politics, economics, history, and sociology in order to examine how both law and public policies are imbedded in much larger social, historical, and economic realities.

Contact Info

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Requirements for the Nexus

Courses

- Two 200-level, 4-credit courses, chosen from the faculty-approved list for the Nexus
  - Students electing this track are also strongly encouraged to take a course in statistics and/or quantitative analysis, such as Economics 220, Psychology 201, Sociology 225, or Statistics 140.
- College 210 (the 2-credit “pre-experience” course) or a suitable substitute, chosen in consultation with the track chair
- College 211 (the 2-credit “post-experience” course), culminating in a public presentation at the annual LEAP (Learning from Application) Symposium
- One 300-level, 4-credit course in a relevant topic, chosen from the faculty-approved list for the Nexus

Other

- An approved internship, research project, or summer job, completed as the “experience” between College 210 and 211
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique. It is essential that College 210 (or an appropriate substitute) be taken before the internship or research project and that College 211 be taken after the internship or research project

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Anthropology
245   Global Health and Humanitarianism

Economics
203   Environmental Economics
213   Economic Development: A Survey
220   Introduction to Econometrics
310   Public Finance Seminar

History
301EM  Colloquium: 'The Age of Emancipation'

Philosophy
225   Symbolic Logic

Politics
235   Constitutional Law: The Federal System
236   Civil Liberties
247   International Law and Organization
313   The Politics of Poverty
327   Transitional Justice

Psychology
201   Statistics

Sociology
225   Survey Research and Data Analysis

See Also

- Politics
- International Relations