

# MLAW - MPOWER UNDERGRADUATE LAW PROGRAMS

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## **MLAW100 Justice and the Law (3 Credits)**

An exploration into the relationship between justice and law, including psychological, philosophical, political and legal approaches to justice, as well as an analytical framework for understanding human rights.

**Restriction:** Course enrollment is restricted to students in the College Park Scholars Justice and Legal Thought Program (CPJT).

## **MLAW150 Law in a Just Society (3 Credits)**

An exploration of the theoretical questions relating to such fundamental questions of jurisprudence as "what is law?" and "how can law be deployed as both an enemy and ally of justice?"

**Restriction:** Must be in the College Park Scholars - Justice and Legal Thought program.

## **MLAW217 Mock Trial (3 Credits)**

Experience the excitement and reward of arguing, and perhaps winning your client's case in court. Mock Trial is designed for students who are interested in learning practical techniques for shaping the evidence, using the law, and exploiting the courtroom to create a coherent and convincing case theory. Cross-listed with: GVPT217.

**Credit Only Granted for:** MLAW217, GVPT217, or GVPT319A.

**Formerly:** GVPT319A.

## **MLAW298 Special Topics in Legal Studies (1-3 Credits)**

Substantive and experiential approaches to legal phenomena. Topics vary.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

## **MLAW304 Introduction to Law and Social Inquiry (3 Credits)**

An exploration of the relationship between law and society from an interdisciplinary perspective. Major themes cover the impact of law on society, society on law and social change.

**Restriction:** Must be in the Law and Society (MLAW) minor.

## **MLAW305 Law and Legal Institutions in Social Context (3 Credits)**

An exploration of case law, statutes, and regulations separately and together in their social context.

**Prerequisite:** MLAW304.

**Restriction:** Must be a student in the Law and Society Minor.

## **MLAW315 Citizenship and Naturalization in America (2 Credits)**

Notions of who is an American - and who is not - are deeply rooted in the American ethos. Although the United States has long been praised for its inclusiveness vis-a-vis citizenship - including a policy of jus soli, or birthright citizenship - a closer look reveals a difficult history involving the categorical exclusion of many groups from American citizenship. We will examine this history, focusing particularly on Black and Native Americans and immigrants, and drawing upon legal cases, historical texts, and personal narratives detailing the lived experiences of those seeking American citizenship. We will trace this history to the present and explore the current process and requirements for becoming an American citizen. Students will have an opportunity to engage guests and discussions from the Maryland Carey School of Law and other experts.

**Restriction:** Must be in the Law and Society minor (MLAW); or must be in College Park Scholars Justice and Legal Thought (CPJT).

## **MLAW358 Selected Topics in Law and Society (3 Credits)**

An interdisciplinary exploration of topics in law and society. Major scholarly interpretations of specific substantive fields of law.

**Restriction:** Must be in the Law and Society Minor.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

## **MLAW359 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Experience (3 Credits)**

Designed to engage experienced Law and Society students as mentors and class leaders. Students will be involved in lesson planning, course design, field trips, and class discussion as they develop their leadership and public speaking skills.

**Prerequisite:** MLAW304.

**Restriction:** Must be enrolled in the Law and Society minor; and permission of program.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits.

**Formerly:** MLAW355.

## **MLAW377 The Legal Profession (3 Credits)**

Designed to introduce students to a variety of legal fields. The course is designed to combine social science literature about the legal profession with real world experiences with lawyers and legal workers. It will address questions about law as a profession, field of advocacy and as a business.

**Restriction:** Must be in the Law and Society Minor.

## **MLAW378 Special topics in Law and Society (3 Credits)**

An interdisciplinary examination in law and society, relying on scholarly interpretations of specific substantive topics of law

**Recommended:** MLAW304.

**Restriction:** Must be in Law and Society Minor.

**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

## **MLAW388 Law and Society Internship (1-4 Credits)**

Participation in the Law and Society Internship (LASI) offers students the opportunity to enhance their education through practical skill building in the realm of law-related professionals.

**Repeatable to:** 7 credits.

## **MLAW404 Law & Society Capstone (3 Credits)**

An exploration of the implications of technology on law and society from a variety of perspectives. Significant issues will be taken from contemporary scholarship and court cases.

**Restriction:** Student must be enrolled in the Law and Society minor.