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).