



Law and Society

An Overview...

Law and Society is an interdisciplinary program combining the disciplines of law, sociology, political science and mass communications. Students are generally interested in the role law plays in social, political, economic and cultural life. It provides the understanding of how law transforms society and how society transforms the law. Law and society is the study of:

- how law matters in people's lives and how people's lives matter in law;
- how the structures and values of social institutions shape and are shaped by law; and
- how law and law-like systems of rules empower and constrain individuals, groups, organizations, and communities.

Skills:

Communication skills

- Written, oral, and listening

Interpersonal skills

- Ability to work with, motivate and manage individuals and groups with diverse members

Critical thinking

- Ability to analyze complex phenomena
- Examination of critical questions about people and the way they live together
- Reflective judgment and interpretive abilities

Some Professional Careers:

Community Organizing	Law Enforcement	Public Policy Analysts
Court Administrators	Legal Administration	Social Advocates
Criminal Justice	Legislative Aides	Social Services
Dispute Resolution	Lobbyists	State and Local Government
Health Care Advocates	Personnel Administrators	Union Representatives

Preparation for Graduate School such as:

Conflict Resolution Graduate Program	Morgridge College of Education
Daniels College of Business	Public Policy Studies
Graduate School of International Studies	Sturm College of Law
Graduate School of Social Work	

Professional Organizations:

Look for local chapters for the national organizations.

Association for Conflict Resolution
5151 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20016
Phone 202-464-9700 Fax 202-464-9720
membership@acenet.org
<http://www.acenet.org>

Community Resource Center
655 Broadway, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80203-3426
303.623.1540
<http://www.crcamerica.org>

Independent Sector
1200 18th St. NW., Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036
phone 202-467-6100 fax 202-467-6101
info@independentsector.org
<http://www.independentsector.org>

Society for Human Resource Management
1800 Duke Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314 USA
phone (800) 283-7476
<http://www.shrm.org>

Colorado Non-Profit Association
455 Sherman Street, Suite 207
Denver, CO 80203
Phone 303-832-5710
info@coloradononprofits.org
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