

LAW, PUBLIC POLICY AND SOCIETY

Program Description

Are you intrigued by how laws are designed, interpreted, applied, and work in the courtroom? Do you want to know more about how law and public policy shape the social, political, environmental, and economic world around you? Perhaps you want to work in law enforcement, the courts, or the legal field? Or, maybe you want to advocate for others? The Law, Public Policy, and Society study span the humanities and the social sciences, incorporating disciplines, such as criminal justice, economics, history, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, and communications. Careers in this field include law or court clerk, paralegal, legal aid worker, social worker, advocacy and policy worker, and more.

Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a wide range of course work that prepares students for the workforce or for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in a program at MSJC might not be the same as those required for transfer into a similar major at a four-year university. Please meet with a Counselor to confirm transfer requirements.

Transfer students are advised to do research on prospective majors and careers. The MSJC Transfer Center and MSJC catalog can be helpful tools. Students interested in transferring to CSU's or UC's can access major preparation by visiting ASSIST (<http://www.assist.org>). All students are advised to meet with a counselor at least once a semester to create or update their comprehensive education plan.

Degrees/Certificates

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Transfer Degrees

- Law, Public Policy and Society, A.A.-T (<https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/law-public-policy-and-society/law-public-policy-and-society-a.a.-t/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

- Analyze social science concepts and theories using critical thinking.
- Evaluate diverse viewpoints related to human experience and produce evidence-based arguments.
- Identify and explain the institutions that make up the American political system including the legal fields.
- Develop communication skills and demonstrate the ability to write and speak to persuade a diversity of audiences.

Careers and Salaries

Discover in-demand careers and education options based on your interests! See the list of careers below or explore further by searching for **Careers or Programs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com>).

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on

work experience, education, background, and employer. Labor market statistics are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, O-NET, EMSI.

Career/Industries	CA Annual Median Salary or Range	Employment Demand or Opening CA
Lawyers (M+)	\$158,372	7,087
Equal Opportunity Representatives and Officers (B, M)	\$80,089	4,556
Social and Community Service Manager (A, B, M)	\$73,906	3,406

(degree required: SM some college, C: Certificate, A: Associate degree, B: Bachelor's degree, M: Master's degree, D: Doctorate)