

Berkeley Law PhD Program in Jurisprudence and Social Policy

Since 1978, the Jurisprudence and Social Policy (JSP) has offered the leading interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary PhD that pushes the frontiers of research on law and legal institutions beyond traditional disciplinary or graduate law programs.

The PhD Program

- Study with internationally recognized faculty from the standpoint of multiple disciplines, including: history, economics, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.
- Enter with a small cohort of students pursuing either a PhD or a joint JD/PhD.
- Develop your skills in an integrated curriculum that provides disciplinary depth and interdisciplinary breadth across the social sciences, humanities, and law.
- Gain sophisticated quantitative and qualitative methodological training.
- Anchor your scholarship in a discipline and develop a topical specialty.
- In addition to JSP doctoral seminars, take courses at Berkeley Law and in top-ranked disciplinary programs across campus.
- Take an active role in specialized research centers at Berkeley Law and across campus: www.law.berkeley.edu/centers.htm & www.vcresearch.berkeley.edu/research-units
- While in JSP, all students receive:
 - ✓ a five-year, comprehensive financial support package;
 - ✓ yearly financial support for research and conference travel;
 - ✓ assistance in job placement: JSP has an excellent record of placement in top law and disciplinary/interdisciplinary programs.
- Advanced JSP students are eligible for Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies (BELS) Graduate Fellowships: <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/9145.htm>
- Many JSP students receive scholarly awards from national and international scholarly associations.
- JSP attracts and supports students who develop an array of specialties from diverse perspectives, including:
 - ✓ criminal justice / mass incarceration
 - ✓ law and social inequality: race, gender, and class
 - ✓ immigration and multiculturalism
 - ✓ law and social movements
 - ✓ public law: courts, judicial decision making, constitutional theory, federalism
 - ✓ law and organizations / business regulation
 - ✓ law and technology
 - ✓ normative and positive political theory
 - ✓ ethics of war
 - ✓ law in comparative and global perspectives

Learning More about JSP

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- Submit your application to JSP by December 15th: www.grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/
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