

Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers)

1. What are the eligibility requirements to apply to LSJ?
 - a. Minimum two (2) graded core/introductory courses, English composition course, and minimum 2.5 cumulative UW GPA.
2. How many times can I apply to the major?
 - a. Twice.
3. What is the acceptance rate of the major?
 - a. Roughly 50%
4. When is the application due?
 - a. Always the second Friday of the quarter by 4 pm (AUT, WIN, SPR)
5. Is LSJ a good major for law school or any professional legal field?
 - a. You can major in anything and apply to/attend law school! LSJ does not prepare you for law school or any profession field; its focus is on how laws organize social life and its contemporary examples in the criminal justice system, courts/other legal institutions, and human rights.
6. What is the average GPA of those admitted into LSJ?
 - a. It fluctuates between 3.5 and 3.7, however this is not a hard and fast rule. Students have earned GPAs higher and lower than this and have been admitted or denied. The committee looks at the application holistically, which should be reflected in your personal statement.
7. What would/does a competitive application look like?
 - a. Strong grades (UW and in LSJ courses), comprehensive analysis of your courses and their themes and concepts, and a compelling discussion of why you want to be a major in the department.
8. What kind of jobs or career can I have with an LSJ degree?
 - a. Alumni of our program have careers across the spectrum including, data protection/privacy, law, education, policy analysis, and social work. We provide quarterly and annual panel events to expose major to different careers and opportunities to network with the individuals.
9. Does the LSJ department provide any support in the admissions process?
 - a. Yes! We offer application workshops for students planning to apply in the next two application cycles. We also provide weekly information sessions that give an overview of our curriculum, programming, and application process. Students also can always join us for drop-in hours or make a 'prospective student' appointment with our advisors.
10. If I declare a major before applying to LSJ or seek LSJ as a second major, will that impact my chances of getting in?
 - a. Nope! The committee will still focus primarily on your grades (cumulative UW GPA and LSJ courses) and personal statement.
11. Does LSJ have any study abroad programs?

- a. Yes! We currently offer study programs in the Netherlands, South Africa, Italy, and Jamaica. Moreover, you do not have to be a declared major to participate in these programs.