The Loyola College of Law mission statement provides: "In the Jesuit tradition of academic rigor, pursuit of justice, and service to others, the College of Law has as its mission to educate future members of the Bar to be skilled advocates and sensitive counselors-at-law committed to ethical norms in pursuit of dignity for all." As part of carrying out this mission, Loyola students must satisfy a Law & Poverty requirement, which is rooted in learning about the detrimental effects of poverty on individuals and on society. Through a variety of courses, work as a student practitioner in one of the College's Law Clinics, or through work in the Gillis Long Student Pro Bono Program, students will critically examine the needs of the economically disadvantaged, the legal system’s responses to the economic, social, and human problems of poverty, and the impacts that factors such as race, ethnicity, and gender have on law and poverty. A minimum of 2 hours of course credit in a course designated to satisfy the Law & Poverty requirement or 50 pro bono hours is needed to satisfy this requirement.

**Fall 2021 Courses in which students may satisfy this requirement (in addition to Law Clinics and Gillis Long Program):**

- LAW L933001 Asylum & Refugee Law
- LAW L837002 Property & Land Use Seminar: Property, Land Use, & Justice
- LAW L877001 Constitutional Law Seminar: Incarceration
- LAW L862052 Criminal Law Seminar: Death Penalty