

LEGAL STUDIES, MINOR (409)

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Legal Studies

The Legal Studies minor provides students an interdisciplinary perspective while fostering greater understanding of the law as it relates to history, the sciences, and ethics in the United States and around the world. While this minor will appeal to pre-law students, it can also serve as a background for a wide variety of careers, including public administration, academics, government, homeland security, non-governmental organizations and law enforcement.

Why Legal Studies?

Legal Studies allows students from a broad range of disciplines to focus their studies using their own majors as a launching point for exploring how the study of law cuts across disciplinary lines. It offers courses in a wide variety of subjects, including philosophy and ethics, American legal history, political process, constitutional law, sociology and criminal justice, business, journalism and broadcasting, economics and property law, and environmental law and regulations.

Legal Studies prepares students for a wide variety of careers in law, business, journalism and broadcasting, public policy, and sciences. A future FBI agent, attorney, or advisor to a Fortune 500 company will need to understand not only environmental law, for example, but also the history of law in the United States as well as the ethical underpinnings of business law and ethics. For science majors, Legal Studies provides an interdisciplinary supplement to their major.

Program Requirements (24 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
HIST 445	American Legal History to 1865	3
HIST 446	American Legal History Since 1865	3
PS 326	Constitutional Law	3
Restricted Electives		
POD 1:		
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 350	Ethical Theory	
SMC 301	Mass Communication Law and Ethics	
PS 338	Government and Ethics	
POD 2:		
Select one of the following:		3
GEOG 487	Environmental Management and Law	
PSY 470	Psychology and Law	
CRIM 432	Sociology of Criminal Law	
POD 3:		
Select one of the following:		3
ECON 390	Economics, Law, and Public Choice	

MGT 200	Legal Environment of Business
MGT 301	Business Law
General Electives	
Select two of the following: ¹	
SMC 301	Mass Communication Law and Ethics
ECON 390	Economics, Law, and Public Choice
GEOG 487	Environmental Management and Law
HIST 430	History of the Civil Rights Movement in America
MGT 200	Legal Environment of Business
MGT 400	Employment Law
PHIL 322	Biomedical Ethics
PHIL 323	Social Ethics
PHIL 350	Ethical Theory
PHIL 427	Philosophy of Law
PS 220	Judicial Process
PS 327	Civil Liberties
PS 338	Government and Ethics
PSY 470	Psychology and Law
RELS 202	Racial Justice
CRIM 330	Criminology
CRIM 332	Juvenile Delinquency
CRIM 346	Special Topics in Criminology
CRIM 432	Sociology of Criminal Law
Select a three-credit service-learning component in consultation with the program director	
Total Hours	

24

¹ Electives must be from two different disciplines.

Students should consult with the program director for the suggested sequence of studies and for course prerequisites.