

# 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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
HIST 445	American Legal History to 1865	3
HIST 446	American Legal History Since 1865	3
PS 326	Constitutional Law	3
<b>Restricted Electives</b>		
POD 1:		
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 350	Ethical Theory	
JOUR 301	Press Law and Ethics	
or BCOM 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: <sup>1</sup>

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BCOM 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

JOUR 301 Press Law and Ethics

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**

<sup>1</sup> Electives must be from two different disciplines.

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