

LEGAL STUDIES MINOR

Minor Code: LGL

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The legal studies minor is designed to prepare students for successful admission to law school by exposing students to a variety of subject matters and providing a balance in students' educational experiences. Selecting courses from among those offered through the legal studies minor will help students develop oral and written communication proficiency, as well as acquire knowledge of legal history, theory, and philosophy. The optional Mock Trial course requires students to use analytical and problem-solving skills to construct factually sound and logically consistent oral arguments.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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Required Courses (9 credit hours)

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| PSC 250 | INTRODUCTION TO LAW | 3 |
| PHI 103 | INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC | 3 |
| or PHI 107 | INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL LOGIC | |
| PSC 485 | MOCK TRIAL | 3 |
| or PSC 420 | CONTEMPORARY CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES | |
| or PSC 421 | DISCRIMINATION AND THE CONSTITUTION | |

Electives (9 credit hours)

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| Selected from at least two different departments: | | 9 |
| BUS 334 | BUSINESS LAW I | |
| BUS 335 | BUSINESS LAW II | |
| COM 400 | COMMUNICATION LAW | |
| CRJ 303 | CRIMINAL JUSTICE THEORY AND IDEOLOGY | |
| CRJ 307 | COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM | |
| CRJ 317 | CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE | |
| CRJ 320 | CRIMINAL COURTS | |
| CRJ 425 | RACE, ETHNICITY, AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE | |
| CRJ 430 | GENDER AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE | |
| ECO 360 | INTRODUCTION TO THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF LAW | |

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| HIS 341 | AFRICAN AMERICANS AND CIVIL RIGHTS |
| HIS 342 | ENGLISH LEGAL HISTORY |
| HTR 470 | LEGAL ISSUES IN HOSPITALITY |
| PHI 301 | JUSTICE: LIBERTY VS. EQUALITY |
| PHI 304 | PHILOSOPHY OF LAW |
| PSC 308 | INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW |
| PSC 317 | U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW |
| PSC 320 | U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES |
| PSC 321 | CIVIL PROCEDURE |
| PSC 398 | LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING |
| SOC 380 | SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME |
| SOC 383 | SOCIOLOGY OF PUNISHMENT AND CORRECTIONS |
| SPC 321 | RHETORICAL CRITICISM |

Total Credit Hours **18**