Legal Studies Minor

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Whatever your career path, understanding the law, and your impact as a citizen in helping shape those laws, is a fundamental part of life. A minor in Legal Studies will give you better grounding in the history and concepts behind the kinds of legal disputes that dominate the news.

Legal Studies Minor Requirements

The legal studies minor examines how law shapes and is shaped by society. It combines the analytical tools associated with legal scholarship with elements of a liberal arts education to investigate the power of the law and its potential to create social change.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses [1]		**8**
CRES 101	Introduction to Conflict Resolution	
LAW 101	Introduction to United States law	
LAW 102	Introduction to Criminal Law	
LAW 202	Introduction to Public International Law	
Law Elective Courses		**8**
CRES 101	Introduction to Conflict Resolution [1]	
CRES 415	Conflict and Gender	
CRES 430		
CRES 435	Israel and Palestine	
CRES 440	Dialogue across Differences	
CRES 441	Dialogue Across Differences II	
CRES 445	Conflicts of Incarceration	
LAW 101	Introduction to United States law [1]	
LAW 102	Introduction to Criminal Law [1]	
LAW 103	Introduction to Criminal Investigation	
LAW 104	Introduction to Business Law	
LAW 201	Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy	
LAW 202	Introduction to Public International Law [1]	
LAW 203	Controversies in Constitutional Law	
LAW 204	Immigration and Citizenship	
LAW 250	Introduction to Legal Research	
LAW 301	Youth and Social Change	
LAW 304	American Law and Families	
LAW 310	Environmental Regulation	
LAW 415	Human Rights, Law, and Culture	
LAW 416	Law, Justice and Accountability After Conflict	
LAW 417	The Death Penalty	
LAW 418	Race and the Courts	
LAW 419	Legal Secrets	
Elective Courses in Other Fields		**8**
BA 325	Business Law and Ethics	
CINE 230	Remix Cultures	
EDST 111	Education and Social Change	
EDST 225	School and Representation in Media	
ES 101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	
ES 352	Social Equity and Criminal Justice	
ES 380	Race, Migration, and Rights	
ES 450	Race and Incarceration	
ES 452	Race and Ethnicity and the Law: [Topic]	
FHS 483		
FHS 492	Contemporary Issues in Public Health	
GEOG 441	Political Geography	
GLBL 360	International Cooperation and Conflict	
GLBL 370	International Human Rights	
GLBL 420	Global Community Development	
GLBL 431	Cross-Cultural Communication	
JCOM 302	Communication Law	
JCOM 303	Media Ethics	
MGMT 417	Negotiation Strategies	
MUS 346	Music, Money, and the Law	
PHIL 102	Ethics	
PHIL 307	Social and Political Philosophy I	
PHIL 308	Social and Political Philosophy: [Topic]	
PHIL 344	Introduction to Philosophy of Law	
PPPM 360	International Public Policy	
PPPM 418	Introduction to Public Law	
PPPM 444	Environmental Policy	
PS 275	Legal Process An Introduction to the American Judiciary	
PS 302	States' Rights and Wrongs	
PS 316	Black Lives Matter and American Democracy	
PS 368	Gender in the Law	
PS 375		
PS 466	Civil Rights in Post-Warren Era	
PS 470	Constitutional Law	
PS 484	United States Supreme Court	
PS 485	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
PSY 420	Psychology and Law	
PSY 422	Forensic Psychology	
SOC 207	Social Inequality	
SOC 345	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 380	Deviance, Social Control, and Crime	
SOC 484	Issues in Deviance, Control, and Crime: [Topic]	
Total Credits		**24**

[1] Credit for these courses cannot count for both the Core Courses and Law Elective courses.

Courses must be passed with grades of C– or better, with at least 12 credits earned in upper-division courses at the 300 or 400 levels. Courses taken by the student toward the minor may also count, as appropriate, to fulfill requirements for other degree programs. The legal studies minor does not count toward any other degree offered by the School of Law (JD, LLM, CRES master's).

The law elective courses are organized into two fields of interest: law in American society and law in global society. The electives include courses from the following departments and programs: business administration (BA), cinema studies (CINE), education studies (EDST), ethnic studies (ES), family and human services (FHS), geography, (GEOG) global studies (GLBL), journalism and communication (JCOM), philosophy (PHIL), planning, public policy, and management (PPPM), political science (PS), psychology (PSY), and sociology (SOC).

Students may petition the School of Law's Managing Director of Legal Studies for approval of another outside course related to legal studies.