

LEGAL STUDIES

Program Overview

The Legal Studies minor provides students with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the nature and development of law, legal institutions and processes, and the relationship ethical and social issues in the business world. Courses in the program include a wide spectrum of academic departments and programs so students may benefit from studying law from diverse perspectives. Students can focus their course of study around their specific career goals by completing the required courses and selecting from a range of elective courses within the program. In addition, the Legal Studies minor can often be combined with other major and minor programs.

Degree Offered:

- Minor in Legal Studies

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Associated Department: Department of Sport Management and Legal Studies

Legal Studies Minor Requirements

(18 Credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Required courses:		
BUS 210	Intro to Law: Contracts	3
BUS 300	The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business	3
LAW 450	Law & Justice Senior Seminar	3
Elective Courses: Select three from the following list:		
BUS 211	Commercial Law	3
BUS 214	Advanced Business Law	3
BUS 315	Health Care Law, Ethics & Policy	3
BUS 375	International Business Law	3
BUS 444	Selected Topics Business Policy	3
COM 301	Communication Law	3
HIS 301	Constitutional History of U.S.	3
HRM 312	Intro to Labor Relations	3
LAW 305	Trial Advocacy	3
LAW 308	Conflict & Conflict Resolution	3
LAW 310	Cyberspace Law and Policy	3
LAW 355/SPT 355	Sports and the Law	3
LAW 490	Independent Study: Research and Creative Expression	3
LAW 491	Internship in Law and Justice	3

POL 300	U.S. Constitutional Law	Total Credits
		18

Note:

Business majors may double-count a maximum of two courses toward another program.

Courses and Descriptions

BUS 210 Intro to Law: Contracts 3 Credits

An introduction to the origin of current law, with emphasis on the development of business law, students are exposed to legal terminology and acquainted with the system of application of rules of law to actual situations. The laws of contracts, particularly common-law developments, are considered in great detail.

BUS 211 Commercial Law 3 Credits

The law as related to the sale of goods, commercial paper, and secured transactions as promulgated by the Uniform Commercial Code is considered in depth. Warranties, guarantees, remedies, and product liability are explored. The laws of bankruptcy and insurance are also considered.

Prerequisite(s): BUS 210.

BUS 214 Advanced Business Law 3 Credits

This course provides students with an introduction to the fundamentals of individual and organizational forms of doing business. The laws governing agency, partnerships, corporations, and the purchase and sale of securities will be explored. The legal consequences of the relationships, and the rights and duties of the parties and entities will be discussed, as will the rules of law governing real, personal, and intellectual property, including the transfer of title to real property, the various types of bailments, the landlord-tenant relationship, and the laws concerning wills, trusts, and estates. The concerns of businesses that compete in the global environment through the study of international law will also be discussed. This course replaces the property (BUS 213) and business associations (BUS 212) courses; you may not take this course if you have taken either of these courses.

Prerequisite(s): BUS 210.

BUS 300 The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business 3 Credits

The strategies by which organizations in the private as well as the public sectors interact with, adapt to, and attempt to influence their external environments are explored. The primary emphasis is on evaluating the effect of business and governmental decisions on the quality of life. The role of regulatory agencies and the impact of local and national legislation on organizational behavior are considered.

Prerequisite(s): 54 credits.

BUS 315 Health Care Law, Ethics & Policy 3 Credits

This course analyzes the role of the law in promoting the quality of health care, organizing the delivery of health care, assuring adequate access to health care, and protecting the rights of those who are provided care within the health care system. It will also examine the public policy, economic, and ethical issues raised by the health care system.

Prerequisite(s): 24 credits.

BUS 375 International Business Law 3 Credits

This course considers the impact of international organizations and treaties on global business and examines the various methods of international dispute resolution. Important legal and ethical issues related to conducting business overseas are discussed including the topics of labor and employment rights, environmental law, and intellectual property.

Prerequisite(s): 54 credits.

BUS 444 Selected Topics Business Policy 3 Credits

The study of a selected topic of contemporary interest related to one or more of the following: strategic management, business law, business ethics, social responsibility, legal environment of business. Readings, research, lectures, discussions, and other methods will be used.

Prerequisite(s): to be determined by instructor.

COM 301 Communication Law 3 Credits

Critically examines the legal limits and privileges affecting freedom of expression, especially in publishing, advertising, film, telecasting, and cyberspace. Places particular emphasis on the historical and philosophical foundations of the freedoms and limitations of communication in the United States.

HIS 301 Constitutional History of U.S. 3 Credits

Surveys the English, Colonial, and Confederation backgrounds of American law and constitutionalism; the framing, adoption, and implementation of the Federal Constitution and its later development; the role of law in the nation's history; the changing interpretations of federalism; the growth of judicial review; and the increasing role of the Supreme Court.

HRM 312 Intro to Labor Relations 3 Credits

This course deals with the relationship of labor unions and management, the fundamentals of collective bargaining, and labor legislation. The structure and growth of unions as well as the relationships and problems that exist among private and public sector organizations, the labor force, and government are surveyed.

Prerequisite(s): MGT 310 or permission of instructor.

LAW 305 Trial Advocacy 3 Credits

Students will apply fundamental legal concepts and rules of evidence to specific cases. By engaging in trial simulations, students will evaluate various forms of evidence, identify legal principles and evidentiary rules that impact a criminal trial, learn about trial procedures, pursuit of case theories, and witness, exhibit and jury selection.

LAW 308 Conflict & Conflict Resolution 3 Credits

Focuses on understanding the meaning of conflict and strategies for its resolution. The course examines the ways conflict functions in various social contexts including professional, community, family, education, and international relations. Traditional models of adjudication will be compared to alternative forms of dispute resolution. Students will be introduced to research on the practice and effectiveness of various forms of conflict and conflict resolution. Students will participate in various class exercises, including role-plays, simulations, and case studies.

LAW 310 Cyberspace Law and Policy 3 Credits

Explores the legal and policy concerns raised by the Internet, nationally and globally. The course considers issues of legal regulation of the Internet, and consider the debate about whether cyberspace can or should be regulated. Attention will be given to the applicability of principles of law and models of regulation. Topics addressed will include jurisdiction, freedom of expression, intellectual property, privacy protection, safety concerns, equal access, electronic commerce, and computer crime.

LAW 355 Sports and the Law 3 Credits

Examines the legal, ethical, economic, social and managerial issues related to sports. Topics include liability issues, contracts, employment discrimination, antitrust law, and constitutional law. Note: This course is cross-listed as SPT 355. Students may not get credit for both LAW 355 and SPT 355.

LAW 450 Law & Justice Senior Seminar 3 Credits

Draws on and develops students' knowledge and understanding of law and legal institutions and applies it to a specific legal topic, method, institution, or controversy. Topics will vary. Students explore the social, political, ethical, and economic issues relevant to the topic. Students will be expected to contribute to seminar discussions and to complete projects related to the seminar theme. Required for seniors in law and justice minor and open to others by permission of the Director of the Law and Justice Program.

LAW 490 Independent Study: Research and Creative Expression 1-4 Credits

Independent Research and Study allows juniors and seniors in good academic standing to investigate topics of interest under faculty supervision. Projects must be approved by the faculty member, department chairperson, and academic dean no later than the third week of the semester in which the project is to be conducted. Only one project can be scheduled in a semester, and for no more than four semester hours; up to 12 semester hours of independent research and study may be counted toward graduation. Note that individual departments may have additional restrictions.

LAW 491 Internship in Law and Justice 1-4 Credits

Provides supervised work experience in an institution, office, or agency related to law or law enforcement, such as courts, prosecutor/defense attorney offices, private law offices, state agencies, and local police departments. Students are expected to apply and broaden the knowledge obtained from law and justice minor courses to their fieldwork experience.

Prerequisite(s): 2.75 GPA and permission of the Director of the Law and Justice program.

POL 300 U.S. Constitutional Law 3 Credits

The role of the Supreme Court in the American political system is assessed. Topics include the staffing and functioning of the Supreme Court and the federal judicial bureaucracy, the origins and development of judicial review, and the role of the Supreme Court in national policy-making. Note: This course is cross-listed as HLS 300. Students may not get credit for both HLS 300 and POL 300.