

**Legal Studies Program
Undergraduate Major**

The Legal Studies Program is an undergraduate major in the College of Letters and Sciences. The program's mission is to provide a liberal education across traditional disciplines, focusing on the theory and operation of law and legal institutions. The courses in the Legal Studies major expose students to the many facets of law as a social phenomenon - its evolution, function, motivating ideas and effects. The major is not intended as preparation for law school because the emphasis is on exploring broadly defined questions about law from a variety of perspectives, rather than on training for the profession. The Legal Studies major is, however, suitable for pre-law students.

Prerequisites and Declaration of the Major

To declare the legal studies major, students must complete three prerequisite courses with grades of C or better. The three prerequisite courses consist of: a *Communication A course*; a *Quantitative Reasoning A course*; and *one Gateway Course (either Legal Studies/Sociology 131 Criminal Justice in America or Legal Studies/Political Science 217 Law, Politics and Society)*.

Students wishing to declare the major should schedule an appointment with the legal studies advisor or visit walk-in hours. To schedule an appointment visit the Legal Studies Program website (www.legalstudies.wisc.edu), click on Advising Hours & Appointments.

Requirements for the Major

In addition to the Gateway Courses, 11 courses are required to complete the legal studies major. These courses must be distributed as follows:

- I. **Two (2) courses from those listed in the Legal Institutions Theme Group.**
- II. **Four (4) courses distributed across at least three of the following Theme Groups:**
 - **Processes of Legal Order & Disorder**
 - **Law & Social Forces**
 - **Law & Culture**
 - **Law & Theory**
- III. **Two (2) methods courses: one research design and one basic statistics**
- IV. **One (1) Core Perspectives course**
- V. **Either a two-semester senior thesis or two (2) additional courses from the five Theme Groups**

Additional Information

At least two courses in the major must have substantial content dealing with countries or cultures other than the United States. An asterisk (*) in the list of courses below designates courses meeting this requirement. These courses can count for both the non-U.S. requirement and for Theme Group requirements.

No more than four (4) courses from a single department or program will count toward the legal studies major; this restriction does not apply to courses listed in or cross listed with legal studies.

Courses may appear in more than one Theme Group and/or Core Perspective but each course will only satisfy one requirement. Courses will not be double counted.

List of Spring 2019 Course Offerings on back

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Spring 2019 Courses counted toward the Legal Studies major

Gateway Courses

Legal St/Soc 131: Criminal Justice in America - 9:30-10:45 T/R + disc
Legal St/Poli Sci 217: Law, Politics & Society - online

Methods Courses (Statistics and Research Design – take one of each)

Statistics

Economics 310: Statistics: Measurement in Economics
Psychology 210: Basic Stats for Psychology
Sociology 360: Statistics for Sociologists – 2:30-3:45 M/W + lab
Statistics 301: Introduction to Statistics (counts for Natural Sci)
Statistics 371: Intro Applied Stats - Life Sciences (counts for Natural Sci)

Research Design

Political Science 170: Methods of Political Inquiry 11-11:50 T/R + disc
Political Science 373: Intro to Survey Research 9:55-10:45 M/W + disc
Psychology 225: Experimental Psychology (for Psych majors)
Sociology 357: Methods of Sociological Inquiry – 1:20-2:10 T/R + disc

Theme Group 1: Legal Institutions

General Business 301: Business Law – online + disc
Legal St 262: Amer Legal History 1860s to Pres – online
*Political Science 340: European Union – 4-5:15 T/R + disc
*Political Science 401: Global Access to Justice - 8-9:15am T/R
Political Science 412: The American Constitution II – 4-5:15 T/R + disc
Political Science 601: The Supreme Court's 2018 Term – 2:25-5:25 W

General Business 302: Bus Orgs and Negotiable Instruments
Legal Studies 444: Law in Action – 11-12:15 T/R
Political Science 401: Legal Writing – 9:30-10:45 T/R

Political Science 470: The First Amendment – 1-2:15 T/R
Political Science 601: Constitutional Issues – 2:25-5:25 F

Theme Group 2: Process of Legal Order & Disorder

Legal Studies 694: Criminal Justice Field Observation (application required, restricted to CJCP/LS interns) – 9-11 W
Psych 526: The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives - 11-12:15 T/R + disc
Psych 601: Psych Juvenile Delinquency (Psych 225 prereq) - 9-10:15 M/W
Sociology 421: Deviant Behavior – 2:30-3:45 M/W
Sociology 441: Criminology – 1:20-2:10 M/W/F + disc
Sociology 446: Juvenile Delinquency – 4-5:15 M/W

Theme Group 3: Law & Social Forces

American Indian 450: American Indian Natural Resources Law – 11-12:15 T/R (ethnic st) (Honors only)
American Indian 450: Indian Child Welfare Act – 4-7 T/ (ethnic st)
Legal Studies 400: Civil Rights – 2:30-3:45 M/W
Legal Studies 400: Impacts of Social and Legal Issues on Health (application and placement hours required) – 3:30-5
Legal Studies 400: Wrongful Convictions – 9:30-10:45 T/R
Legal Studies 443: Immigration, Crime & Enforcement – 2:30-3:45 M/W (ethnic studies)
Legal Studies 645: Intellectual Freedom – 1:30-4 M
Psych 601: Legal Psych: Crim & Civil Iss (Psy225 prereq) - 2:25-4:55 M

Theme Group 4: Law & Culture

*Comp Lit 500: Guilt – 1-2:15 T/R
Legal Studies 450: Criminal Justice and Popular Culture – online
*Legal Studies 477: History of Forensic Science – 11-12:15 T/R
*Legal Studies 510: Legal Pluralism – 9:30-10:45 T/R
*LitTrans 324: Criminal Utopias – 11-12:15pm T/R

Theme Group 5: Law & Theory

*Legal Studies 600: Legal Dystopias – 1:20-3:15 W
Med Hist/Phil 558: Ethical Issues in Health Care – 11-12:15 T + disc
Philosophy 341: Contemporary Moral Issues (some sections are Comm B)

Core Perspectives

Legal Studies 262: Amer Legal History 1860s to Present – online
Legal Studies 443: Immigration, Crime & Enforcement – 2:30-3:45 M/W (ethnic studies)
Legal Studies 400: Civil Rights – 2:30-3:45 M/W
Legal Studies 400: Wrongful Convictions – 9:30-10:45 T/R
Legal Studies 450: Criminal Justice and Popular Culture – online
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