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 drop-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 2020 Course Offerings on back

Email: cjcp@ssc.wisc.edu
8137 Sewell Social Science Building, 1180 Observatory Drive www.legalstudies.wisc.edu
Spring 2020 Courses counted toward the Legal Studies major

Gateway Courses
Legal St/Soc 131: Criminal Justice in America – 4:30-6:30 T + disc

Methods Courses (Statistics and Research Design – take one of each)
Statistics Research Design
Economics 310: Statistics: Measurement in Economics Political Science 373: Intro to Survey Research
Psychology 210: Basic Stats for Psychology Psychology 225: Experimental Psychology (for Psych majors)
Sociology 360: Statistics for Sociologists Sociology 357: Methods of Sociological Inquiry
Statistics 371: Intro Applied Stats - Life Sciences (counts for Natural Sci)

Theme Group 1: Legal Institutions
ELPA 502: Law and Education - online
General Business 301: Business Law – online + disc General Business 302: Bus Orgs and Negotiable Instruments
Legal St 262: Amer Legal History 1860s to Pres – 2:30-3:45 T/R Legal Studies 444: Law in Action – 11-12:15 T/R
Political Science 401: Legal Writing Political Science 408: The American Presidency
Political Science 411: The American Constitution I Political Science 417: American Judicial System
*Political Science 439: Comparative Study of Genocide Political Science 601: The Supreme Court’s 2019 Term
Political Science 601: Constitutional Issues

Theme Group 2: Process of Legal Order & Disorder
Legal Studies 694: Criminal Justice Field Observation (application required, restricted to CJCP/LS interns) – 9-10:50 W
Psych 526: The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives - 11-12:15 T/R + disc
Psych 601: Psych Juvenile Delinquency (Psych 225 prereq)
Sociology 441: Criminology

Theme Group 3: Law & Social Forces
ChicLa 330: U.S.-Mexico Borderlands
*Environmental Studies 502: International Environmental Law and Policy
Legal Studies 400: Impacts of Social and Legal Issues on Health (application and placement hours required)
Legal Studies 400: Law, Sexuality and Society – 4-5:15 T/R
Legal Studies 430: Law and Environment – 9:30-10:45 T/R
Legal Studies 440: Ethnicity, Race, and Justice – 4-5:15 M/W (ethnic studies)
Legal Studies 443: Immigration, Crime & Enforcement – 2:30-3:45 M/W (ethnic studies)
Psych 601: Legal Psych: Crime & Civil Iss (Psy225 prereq)

Theme Group 4: Law & Culture
*Legal Studies 510: Legal Pluralism – 9-10:45 T/R
*LitTrans 324: Criminal Utopias

Theme Group 5: Law & Theory
Journalism 563: Law of Mass Communication
Legal Studies 450: Jurisprudence and Social Issues – 1-2:15 T/R
Med Hist/Phil 558: Ethical Issues in Health Care
Philosophy 341: Contemporary Moral Issues (some sections are Comm B)

Core Perspectives
Legal Studies 262: Amer Legal History 1860s to Present – 2:30-3:45 T/R
Legal Studies 440: Ethnicity, Race, and Justice – 4-5:15 M/W (ethnic studies)
Legal Studies 443: Immigration, Crime & Enforcement – 2:30-3:45 M/W (ethnic studies)
Legal Studies 450: Jurisprudence and Social Issues – 1-2:15 T/R
*Legal Studies 510: Legal Pluralism – 9-10:45 T/R

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