

LEGAL STUDIES MINOR

for the Undergraduate Minor in Legal Studies

The Legal Studies minor, administered by the College of Law, is designed to provide students with a better understanding of how the law operates in a variety of contexts and develop critical thinking skills. The minor requires 18 hours of credit, with nine hours of core courses taught by College of Law professors and affiliated faculty, and an additional nine hours in one of three tracks: 1) Law & Politics; 2) Law & Cultures; or 3) Law & Economics of Food Security and Sustainability. 6 credit hours must be in 300- or 400- level courses. Other qualifying 300- or 400- level courses may be approved in consultation with the minor advisor. Students must have completed 30 credit hours prior to application, have Academic Good Standing status, and have a cumulative 3.25 GPA or higher.

Prospective Legal Studies Minors must apply for acceptance into the program. For more information, please contact lawundergrad@illinois.edu for general instructions on how to apply for the minor.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course work (at least 9 hours)		9
LAW 201	Basic Constitutional Law & Individual Rights	
LAW 301	Introduction to Law	
LAW 302	Transitional Justice	
LAW 303	Living the Law	
LAW 304	Introduction to Legal Research	
LAW 305	Art and Cultural Property Law	
EPS/AAS/AFRO/LLS 310		
SOC 479	Law and Society	
PS 323	Law and Representation	

Students will select one of the following tracks:

Code	Title	Hours
Law & Politics Track		9
choose at least 9 hours from the following:		
HDFS 330	Statistical Reasoning for Everyday Life	
PHIL 106	Ethics and Social Policy	
PHIL 107	Intro to Political Philosophy	
PHIL 380	Current Controversies	
PHIL 435	Social Philosophy	
PHIL 436	Phil of Law and of the State	
PS 301	The US Constitution I	
PS 214	American Indian Law & Politics	
PS 302	The US Constitution II	
PS 305	The US Supreme Court	
PS 306	Judicial Politics	
PS 322	Law and Public Policy	
PS 386	International Law	

Law & Cultures Track		9
choose at least 9 hours from the following:		
AAS 370/LLS 372	Immigration, Law, and Rights	

AFRO 378/ HIST 389	Race and Revolutions
ANTH 350	Cultures of Law
GLBL 220	Governance
GLBL 260	Global Human Rights
GWS/SOC 201	Race, Gender & Power
HDFS 320	Families and the Law
HDFS 330	Statistical Reasoning for Everyday Life
HDFS 420	Inequality, Public Policy, and U.S. Families
LLS/AIS/AFRO/ AAS/GWS 343	Criminalization and Punishment
LLS 473	Immigration, Health & Society
PHIL 106	Ethics and Social Policy
PHIL 214	Biomedical Ethics
PHIL 380	Current Controversies
PS/AAS/AFRO/ LLS 201	US Racial & Ethnic Politics
PS 214	American Indian Law & Politics
PSYC 468	Psych and Law

Law & Economics of Food Security Track **9**

choose at least 9 hours from the following:

ACE 210	Environmental Economics
ACE 251	The World Food Economy
ACE 255	Economics of Food and Environmental Justice
ACE 306	Food Law
ACE 310	Natural Resource Economics
ACE 321	Principles of Public Policy
ACE 403	Agricultural Law
ACE 406	Environmental Law
ACE 410	Energy Economics
ACE 411	Environment and Development
ACE 456	Agricultural and Food Policies

Other Requirements

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6 credit hours must be in 300- or 400- level courses. Other qualifying 300- or 400- level courses may be approved in consultation with the minor advisor.	

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