

# 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](mailto:lawundergrad@illinois.edu) for general instructions on how to apply for the minor.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Course work (at least 9 hours)</b>		<b>9</b>
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	Race and Cultural Diversity	
SOC 479	Law and Society	
PS 323	Law and Representation	

## Students will select one of the following tracks:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Law &amp; Politics Track</b>		<b>9</b>
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	

<b>Law &amp; Cultures Track</b>		<b>9</b>
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	
<b>Law &amp; Economics of Food Security Track</b>		<b>9</b>
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

Requirement	Description
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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