

Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies

The Legal Studies major is an interdisciplinary course of study that combines the theories and methods of several social science disciplines and of law. While not designed as a pre-law program, the goal is to develop an understanding of the nature, content, and operation of American law and legal institutions.

A minimum total of 120 credits are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Legal Studies. Of this total, 30 credits make up the major, which is satisfied by taking courses to complete the (A) Core Requirements, (B) Legal Studies Electives, and (C) Outside Electives. At the right is an outline of these major course requirements. The remaining credits required for the degree are outlined on the “Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree.”

Some Legal Studies courses fulfill the CGS social sciences curriculum requirements. See the current time schedule of classes for specific information.

A. Core Requirements: 9 credits (three courses)

Administration of Justice

ADMJ	0100	(7010)	Society and the Law	3 cr.
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Legal Studies

LEGLST	0800	(7080)	Introduction to Legal Studies	3 cr.
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Legal Studies or Political Science

Choose one of the following:

LEGLST	1210	(8210)	Law and Politics	3 cr.
PS	1213	(8213)	Law and Politics	3 cr.

B. Legal Studies Electives: 15 credits

Choose five courses.

LEGLST	0020	(7020)	Public Law and Moral Reasoning	3 cr.
LEGLST	1140	(8140)	Introduction to Criminal Law	3 cr.
LEGLST	1141	(8141)	Introduction to Criminal Procedure	3 cr.
LEGLST	1150	(8150)	Lawyers and the Legal Profession	3 cr.
LEGLST	1152		Legal Issues in Public Service	3 cr.
LEGLST	1155	(8155)	Law and Social Change	3 cr.
LEGLST	1160	(8160)	Comparative Judicial Processes	3 cr.
LEGLST	1230	(8230)	Psychology and the Law	3 cr.
LEGLST	1240		Anthropology of Law	3 cr.
LEGLST	1260	(8260)	Law, Literature, and Cinema	3 cr.
LEGLST	1261	(8261)	Language and the Law	3 cr.
LEGLST	1315	(8315)	Sex, Law, and Marriage	3 cr.
LEGLST	1318	(8318)	Separation, Divorce, and Custody*	3 cr.
LEGLST	1320	(8320)	Law and Environment	3 cr.
LEGLST	1325	(8325)	Consumer Law	3 cr.
LEGLST	1326		Globalization and Law	3 cr.
LEGLST	1327		International Law	3 cr.
LEGLST	1330	(8330)	Law and Business Corporations	3 cr.
LEGLST	1340	(8340)	Introduction to Civil Rights	3 cr.

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Graduate School Option:

Students with a QPA of 3.5 or better planning to pursue graduate work may want to consider the graduate school option for early admission to their graduate program. Early admissions options for Legal Studies majors are offered by the University's Law School for its Masters of Studies in Law program and by the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. Contact CGS for details.

Minor requirements:

Students interested in a minor, rather than a major, in Legal Studies should check with their academic consultant. For the minor, students must complete five courses (15 credits) with at least three courses from the University of Pittsburgh. A 2.0 average is required in the minor. Minor courses:

LEGLST 0080 Introduction to Legal Studies 3 cr.
LEGLST electives 12 cr.

Career Opportunities

Courses in Legal Studies provide a background for:

- Graduate work in administration of justice, business, legal studies, law.
- Work in law-related fields of insurance, social security, social services.
- Careers in the following settings:
 - banking
 - children's rights
 - civil liberties organizations
 - collective bargaining/labor relations
 - corporate sales divisions
 - credit-related agencies
 - judicial administration
 - legal research
 - human resources
 - planning commissions
 - privacy protection
 - public government aid-legislation
 - public welfare
 - real estate agencies
 - tax consultant firms
 - workman's compensation bureaus

LEGLST	1355	(8355)	Emerging Issues in Legal and Social Policy	3 cr.
LEGLST	1410	(8410)	Introduction to Legal Research	3 cr.
LEGLST	1900	(8900)	Pre-service Internship	1-6 cr.
LEGLST	1901	(8901)	Independent Study	1-6 cr.

*Note: Students may not receive credit for both LEGLST 1318 (8318) and SOC 1456 (8456)–Separation, Divorce, and Custody.

C. Outside Electives: 6 credits

Choose two courses:

The final degree requirement is completion of six credits (two courses) from a list of approved electives outside of Legal Studies. The following represents approved elective courses from various departments.

Administration of Justice

ADMJ	0500	(7050)	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3 cr.
ADMJ	1130		Minority Issues in Criminal Justice	3 cr.
ADMJ	1220	(8226)	Deviance and the Law	3 cr.
ADMJ	1450	(8150)	Critical Issues in Criminal Justice	3 cr.

History

HIST	1163	(8664)	Women and the Law	3 cr.
HIST	1190	(8190)	Medieval Law, Society, and Politics	3 cr.
HIST	1191	(8191)	English Origins of American Law	3 cr.
HIST	1690	(8690)	American Legal History	3 cr.

Philosophy

PHIL	1390	(8390)	Philosophy of Law	3 cr.
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Political Science

PS	1211	(8211)	The Legislative Process	3 cr.
PS	1614	(8614)	Theory of Justice (Honors)	3 cr.

Psychology

PSY	0182	(7182)	Law and Social Psychology	3 cr.
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Public Service

PUBSRV	1135	(8135)	Law for Public Administrators	3 cr.
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Sociology

SOC	0471	(7471)	Deviance and Social Control	3 cr.
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Requirements subject to change. Check with an academic consultant before registering.

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