LEGAL STUDIES (LEGAL ST)

LEGAL ST/SOC 131 — CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN AMERICA
3-4 credits.

Day-to-day functioning of the elements of the criminal justice system in the U.S. Nature of crime in the U.S., ideas about causes and solutions. Emphasis on the sociology of the components of criminal justice system—organization and roles of police, lawyers, court and correctional personnel. Enroll Info: Open to Fr So only, until end of Fr reg period. Stds may receive cr for only one of the following: SOC/LEGAL ST 131 or 431
Requisites: Not open to students who have taken SOC 431
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2021

LEGAL ST/JEWISH/RELIG ST 203 — JEWISH LAW, BUSINESS, AND ETHICS
3 credits.

Explores the development of Jewish law from antiquity to modernity, with a focus on legal questions related to business practices and ethics. Consider issues ranging from ethical practices in agriculture to how to run a modern multi billion-dollar kosher industry, from the ethics of Jews celebrating Thanksgiving to regulations governing the preparation, consumption, and sale of coffee. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

LEGAL ST/POLI SCI 217 — LAW, POLITICS AND SOCIETY
3-4 credits.

Introduction to the legal process. Examination of the various concepts of law, the perennial problems of the law, legal reasoning, and the nature and function of law and the courts. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Freshmen or sophomore standing only
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

LEGAL ST/HISTORY 261 — AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY TO 1860
3-4 credits.

This course surveys the development of American law down to the U.S. Civil War. After a review of the English historical background, it examines how law changed in colonial America, culminating in the framing of the U.S. Constitution. It then explores how territorial expansion, democracy, and slavery shaped nineteenth-century American law. Emphasis is on how law interacts with political, social, and cultural change, with a focus on the origins of modern civil and constitutional rights. Enroll Info: Sophomore standing
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

LEGAL ST/HISTORY 262 — AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY, 1860 TO THE PRESENT
3-4 credits.

This course surveys the development of American law from the Civil War to the early Twenty-First Century. After a review of the U.S. Constitution and its modification by the Civil War amendments, it examines the legal dimensions of such topics as race relations and the Civil Rights movement, the growth of modern business, the New Deal, labor rights, the women's movement, the individual rights revolution of the postwar period, and the contemporary conservative reaction. Emphasis is on how law interacts with political, social, and cultural change. Enroll Info: Sophomore standing
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

LEGAL ST 325 — WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS
3 credits.

Study of evidentiary causes of wrongful convictions, including eyewitness misidentifications, false confessions, the use of jailhouse informants, and flaws in forensic science. Procedural and institutional causes of wrongful convictions, and within this context, question whether constitutional rights adequately protect against illegitimate outcomes. Explore potential ways to broaden conceptions of wrongful convictions, looking at mass surveillance, mass prosecution, mass conviction, sentencing severity, and the system's racially disproportionate impact at all intercept points. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: LEGAL ST/SOC 131 or 217
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
LEGAL ST 400 — TOPICS IN LEGAL STUDIES AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
3-4 credits.

This course can be repeated by students, but not with the same content. Enroll Info: Jr st; prerequisite may vary with topic
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021

LEGAL ST 405 — FOUNDATIONS OF FIELD EDUCATION
2 credits.

This course is designed as a preparatory course for an advanced learning opportunity via an extensive, hands-on internship at a community criminal or juvenile justice agency. Enroll Info: Students must be declared in the Criminal Justice Certificate and have completed or be currently enrolled in a course from groups 1-3 of the certificate curriculum
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2017

LEGAL ST 407 — JURISPRUDENCE AND SOCIAL ISSUES
3 credits.

Examines fundamental questions about the nature and content of law, addressing both analytic and normative jurisprudence. Questions in analytic jurisprudence include: What does it mean for something to be the law? Why are some things a matter of law, while others are not? What is the relationship between law and morality? Is the law exhausted by the meaning of words in constitutions and statutes? Questions of normative jurisprudence concern the proper content of law, such as, what should the law permit, prohibit, and promote? These questions are examined by looking at a number of topics that are at issue in U.S. (and other nations') laws. These will include interpreting criminal law statutes, policies promoting public welfare, and the justifications for property, especially intellectual property rights. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: SOC/LEGAL ST 131, POLI SCI/LEGAL ST 217, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

LEGAL ST 409 — HUMAN RIGHTS IN LAW AND SOCIETY
3 credits.

Introduction to the theory, the politics and the sociology of human rights. Main themes: international human rights legal regime, questions of why human rights have become "legalized," and what the consequences of this legalization are on the ground. Enroll Info: Legal St/SOC/LEGAL ST 131 or Legal St/POLI SCI/LEGAL ST 217., Jr st or inst cons
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

LEGAL ST/SOC 415 — THE LEGAL PROFESSION
3-4 credits.

History, structure, and functioning of legal professions in the United States and in other countries around the world. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2016

LEGAL ST/GEN&WS 422 — WOMEN AND THE LAW
3 credits.

Legal system, laws, and proposed legislation that have specific impact on the lives of women. Topics investigated in both the social and legal contexts. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2021

LEGAL ST/GEN&WS/SOC 425 — CRIME, GENDER AND JUSTICE
3 credits.

Focuses on the intersection between gender, crime and justice from a cross-cultural perspective. The gendered nature of the criminal justice system, female experiences of crime, prosecution and incarceration as well as the extent to which women are victims, offenders, and participants in the criminal justice system will be explored. Special emphasis will be placed on the theoretical implications of offending behavior and the intersection of gender with sexuality, race, ethnicity and class. The goal of this course is to provide a foundation for critically assessing the often controversial issues surrounding race, gender, crime, and criminal justice in society. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: SOC/LEGAL ST 131, GEN/SWS 101, 102, 103 or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021
LEGAL ST/HISTORY 426 — THE HISTORY OF PUNISHMENT
3-4 credits.

This course examines punishment across a vast range of historical traditions, examining how wrongdoing and punishment have been figured in law, literature, art and philosophy. Through the semester we will examine ancient, medieval and modern traditions. Enroll Info: Junior or Senior standing or consent of instructor
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2021

LEGAL ST/ENVIR ST/HISTORY 430 — LAW AND ENVIRONMENT: HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES
3 credits.

Explores environmental studies through a focus on law and legal history. Although its main concentration is on U.S. environmental law, the course will begin and end with broader historical and global perspectives. Topics include a survey of English, European, and early American legal approaches to land use, natural resources, and pollution through World War II as well as an examination of the development and practice of contemporary U.S. environmental law and consideration of the recent emergence of international environmental law. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
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Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

LEGAL ST 435 — CIVIL RIGHTS: POLICING, PRISONS, VOTING, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT
3 credits.

Exploration of civil rights. Question what it means to discriminate (on the basis of race, sex, national origin, religion, and disability), how we might investigate and detect acts of discrimination, and the legal constraints on governmental efforts to remedy discrimination in employment, housing, and voting. Explore the intersection of government power and civil rights. Examine how the government targets groups during times of national crisis. Consider what constitutes acceptable conditions of incarceration for prisoners. Finally, learn police use-of-force doctrine, and discuss the challenge of protecting both officer and civilian safety. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

LEGAL ST/CHICLA/SOC 440 — ETHNICITY, RACE, AND JUSTICE
3-4 credits.

An examination of ethnicity, race, and justice, with a specific emphasis on US Latinos, the largest minority group in the United States. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: C&E SOC/SOC 140, 210, 211, SOC 181, FOLKLORE/AFROAMER/AMER IND/ASIAN AM/CHICLA 102, CHICLA 201, CHICLA 210, CHICLA 230, POLI SCI/CHICLA 231, HISTORY/CHICLA/GEN&WS 245, LEGAL ST/SOC 131, or POLI SCI/LEGAL ST 217
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

LEGAL ST/CHICLA/SOC 443 — IMMIGRATION, CRIME, AND ENFORCEMENT
3-4 credits.

A study of immigration, crime, and border enforcement, engaging both historical and present-day debates, focusing on Latino immigration and the U.S.-Mexico border. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: C&E SOC/SOC 140, 210, 211, SOC 181, FOLKLORE/AFROAMER/AMER IND/ASIAN AM/CHICLA 102, CHICLA 201, CHICLA 210, CHICLA 230, POLI SCI/CHICLA 231, HISTORY/CHICLA/GEN&WS 245, LEGAL ST/SOC 131, or POLI SCI/LEGAL ST 217
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

LEGAL ST 444 — LAW IN ACTION
3 credits.

A review of the interaction of law (judicial decisions, legislation, administrative actions) with public policy by studying the approaches used to resolve a number of significant issues by use of law and examining the actual impact of such efforts. Enroll Info: So st
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021
LEGAL ST 450 — TOPICS IN LEGAL STUDIES AND THE HUMANITIES
3-4 credits.
Topics courses will address a variety of issues linking various humanities perspectives to the central themes of law and legal institutions. This course may be repeated by students, but not with the same content. Enroll Info: Jr st; prerequisite may vary with topic
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Summer 2021

LEGAL ST/HISTORY 459 — RULE OF LAW: PHILOSOPHICAL AND HISTORICAL MODELS
3-4 credits.
From the perspectives of history and political theory, this course examines the multiple meanings of the idea of the rule of idea, and its uses in American history. We then explore prominent critiques of the rule of law ideal. Enroll Info: A previous law-related course
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2013

LEGAL ST/L I S 460 — SURVEILLANCE, PRIVACY, AND POLICE POWERS
3 credits.
Examines individual privacy and government information collection in law enforcement, security, public health, administrative law, and other contexts from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

LEGAL ST/HISTORY 476 — MEDIEVAL LAW AND SOCIETY
3 credits.
The course is intended to introduce students to the central historical developments of law and legal institutions in the European middle ages (400-1500). Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

LEGAL ST/HISTORY 477 — HISTORY OF FORENSIC SCIENCE
3 credits.
Examines the diverse paths followed by forensic science (including medical jurisprudence or forensic medicine) in various times and places, focusing on the English-speaking world from the nineteenth century until the present. We will explore the many ways that law and science have worked together—or at cross-purposes—to generate and assess evidence at the crime scene, in the lab, in the courtroom, and beyond. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing and a 100- or 200-level HIST SCI or MED HIST course; LEGAL ST/HISTORY 261; SOC/LEGAL ST 131; or POLI SCI/LEGAL ST 217
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

LEGAL ST/HISTORY 502 — LAW AND COLONIALISM
3 credits.
Historical introduction to the role of law in the context of empire, with special emphasis on 19th-20th C British imperialism; explores themes of class, race and gender through fields of law including criminal, property, family, contract and labor law. Enroll Info: Previous law-related course
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2013

LEGAL ST/HISTORY 510 — LEGAL PLURALISM
3 credits.
Historical and anthropological perspectives on non-state "law," or systems of rules generated by normative orders that lay beyond the state; case studies include the mafia, Tokyo tuna traders’ court, orthodox Jewish diamond merchants, California gold miners’ courts, Inuit song dueling. Enroll Info: Previous law-related course
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

LEGAL ST 600 — SPECIAL TOPICS IN LEGAL STUDIES
1-3 credits.
Special seminars are designed for opportunities such as short international seminar courses, the summer forum, and other special opportunities. Enroll Info: Requisite varies by topic
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2019
LEGAL ST/LAW/SOC 641 — SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
3-4 credits.

Theory and research on the social origins, processes and effects of law; examination of law-related behavior, legal institutions, law and social structure, and law and social change; linkage to contemporary theoretical and political debates. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Junior standing and either SOC 441 or SOC/C&E SOC 475, or Law student

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2018

LEGAL ST/LIS 645 — INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM
3 credits.

An examination of intellectual freedom in the United States including censorship, minors’ rights, the Internet, privacy, and copyright with focus on theoretical questions related to the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and historical developments. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2020

LEGAL ST/LIS 663 — INTRODUCTION TO CYBERLAW
3 credits.

The emphasis is on critical thinking about a broad variety of legal and policy problems that arise because of ever-changing information and communication technologies. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2021

LEGAL ST 681 — SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3-4 credits.

Individual study for majors writing theses for honors degree. Enroll Info: Sr st, legal studies major, admission to Honors Progm, cons inst

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Summer 2021

LEGAL ST 682 — SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3-4 credits.

Individual study for majors writing theses for honors degree. Enroll Info: Sr st, legal studies major, admission to Honors Progm, cons inst

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2021

LEGAL ST 691 — SENIOR THESIS
3 credits.

Individual study for majors writing senior thesis (nonhonors). Enroll Info: Legal studies major, Sr st, cons inst

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2019

LEGAL ST 692 — SENIOR THESIS
3 credits.

Individual study for majors writing senior thesis (nonhonors). Enroll Info: Legal studies major, Sr st, cons inst

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2019

LEGAL ST/SOC 694 — CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIELD OBSERVATION
2-3 credits.

Field placements and seminar sessions to develop sociological understanding of criminal justice processes. Placement in criminal justice agencies and lectures and discussions applying concepts and theories to field experience. Enroll Info: SOC/LEGAL ST 131 and Criminal Justice Certificate declaration

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Workplace - Workplace Experience Course

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Summer 2021

LEGAL ST 699 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-4 credits.

Directed study in legal studies. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Summer 2021