

LEGAL STUDIES, B.A.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

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| General Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B * |
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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| Mathematics | Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework. |
| Foreign Language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR • Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language. |

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| L&S Breadth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course. |
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| Liberal Arts and Science Coursework | Complete at least 108 credits. |
| Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work | Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level. |
| Major | Declare and complete at least one major. |
| Total Credits | Complete at least 120 credits. |
| UW-Madison Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit. |
| Quality of Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison |

NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

11 total courses in the following categories and a minimum of 33 credits.

THEME: LEGAL INSTITUTIONS

Two courses required from:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| <i>Theme Group 1: Legal Institutions</i> | | |
| ELPA/ED POL 542 | Law and Public Education | 3 |
| GEN BUS 301 | Business Law | 3 |
| GEN BUS 302 | Business Organizations and Negotiable Instruments | 3 |
| GEOG 307 | International Migration, Health, and Human Rights | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 261 | American Legal History to 1860 | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 262 | American Legal History, 1860 to the Present | 3 |
| LEGAL ST 400 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST 409 | Human Rights in Law and Society | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/SOC 415 | The Legal Profession | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST 444 | Law in Action | 3 |
| LEGAL ST 450 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities | 3-4 |

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| LEGAL ST/LAW/ SOC 641 | Sociology of Law | 3-4 | LEGAL ST/SOC 694 | Criminal Justice Field Observation | 2-3 |
| POLI SCI 304 | The Political Economy of Race in the United States | 3-4 | POLI SCI 314 | Criminal Law and Justice | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 311 | United States Congress | 3-4 | PSYCH 526 | The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives | 4 |
| POLI SCI 340 | The European Union: Politics and Political Economy | 3-4 | PSYCH 601 | Current Topics in Psychology (*Juv Delin) | 3 |
| POLI SCI 347 | Terrorism | 3 | R M I 615 | Liability Risk Management | 3 |
| POLI SCI 349 | Global Access to Justice | 3 | SOC 421 | Processes of Deviant Behavior | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 354 | International Institutions and World Order | 3-4 | SOC 441 | Criminology | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 356 | Principles of International Law | 3-4 | SOC 446 | Juvenile Delinquency | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 405 | State Government and Public Policy | 3-4 | Law and Social Forces | | |
| POLI SCI 408 | The American Presidency | 3-4 | Code | Title | Credits |
| POLI SCI 411 | The American Constitution : Powers and Structures of Government | 4 | <i>Theme 3: Law & Social Forces</i> | | |
| POLI SCI 412 | The American Constitution: Rights and Civil Liberties | 4 | AFROAMER 272 | Race and American Politics from the New Deal to the New Right | 3 |
| POLI SCI 414 | The Supreme Court as a Political Institution | 3 | AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 323 | Gender, Race and Class: Women in U.S. History | 3 |
| POLI SCI 417 | The American Judicial System | 3-4 | AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 326 | Race and Gender in Post-World War II U.S. Society | 3 |
| POLI SCI/ PUB AFFR 419 | Administrative Law | 3-4 | AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 625 | Gender, Race and the Civil Rights Movement | 3 |
| POLI SCI 432 | Comparative Legal Institutions | 3-4 | AFROAMER 671 | Selected Topics in Afro-American History (*Crim Blkns; Race & Inprison) | 3 |
| POLI SCI/ INTL ST 434 | The Politics of Human Rights | 3-4 | AFROAMER 673 | Selected Topics in Afro-American Society (*Race and Policing) | 3 |
| POLI SCI/ GEN&WS 435 | Politics of Gender and Women's Rights in the Middle East | 3 | AMER IND 450 | Issues in American Indian Studies (*Indigenous Rights *Nat Resources *Fed Ind Law *Ind Child Welfare) | 3 |
| POLI SCI/ INTL ST 439 | The Comparative Study of Genocide | 3-4 | ECON 522 | Law and Economics | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 470 | The First Amendment | 3-4 | ENVIR ST 349 | Climate Change Governance | 3 |
| POLI SCI 510 | | 3-4 | ENVIR ST/ GEOG 439 | US Environmental Policy and Regulation | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 538 | Politics and Policies in the European Union | 3-4 | GEN&WS 424 | | 3 |
| POLI SCI 601 | Proseminar: Topics in Political Science (Topic: Supreme Court) | 3 | HISTORY/ ED POL 143 | History of Race and Inequality in Urban America | 3 |
| POLI SCI 635 | Comparative Politics of Sport | 3-4 | HISTORY/ AFROAMER 393 | Slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction, 1848-1877 | 3-4 |
| PUB AFFR 270 | The Private and Public Sectors in Policymaking | 3 | HISTORY 403 | Immigration and Assimilation in American History | 3-4 |

THEME DISTRIBUTION

Four courses from at least three of the following Theme groups.

| Process of Legal Order and Disorder | | | HISTORY/ | History of the Civil Rights Movement | 3 |
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| Code | Title | Credits | AFROAMER 628 | in the United States | |
| Theme 2: Processes of Legal Order & Disorder | | | LEGAL ST/JEWISH/ | Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics | 3 |
| COM ARTS 371 | Communication and Conflict Resolution | 3 | RELIG ST 203 | | |
| COM ARTS 671 | | 3 | LEGAL ST 400 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences | 3-4 |
| HISTORY 344 | The Age of the American Revolution, 1763-1789 | 3-4 | LEGAL ST/GEN&WS 422 | Women and the Law | 3 |
| INTL ST 601 | Topics in Global Security (Topic: International Criminal Justice: Models & Practice) | 1-4 | LEGAL ST/ GEN&WS/SOC 425 | Crime, Gender and Justice | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/L I S 460 | Surveillance, Privacy, and Police Powers | 3 | LEGAL ST/ ENVIR ST/ HISTORY 430 | Law and Environment: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives | 3 |

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| LEGAL ST 435 | Civil Rights: Policing, Prisons, Voting, Housing, Employment | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/CHICLA/SOC 440 | Ethnicity, Race, and Justice | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST/CHICLA/SOC 443 | Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST 473 | Health Impacts of Unmet Social Needs | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/LIS 645 | Intellectual Freedom | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/LIS 663 | Introduction to Cyberlaw | 3 |
| POLI SCI/INTL ST 434 | The Politics of Human Rights | 3-4 |
| PSYCH 311 | Issues in Psychology (*Psychology of Law) | 1-4 |
| PSYCH 401 | Psychology, Law, and Social Policy | 3 |
| PSYCH 601 | Current Topics in Psychology (*Legal Psych) | 3 |
| SOC/ASIAN AM 220 | Ethnic Movements in the United States | 3-4 |

Law and Culture

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| <i>Theme 4: Law & Culture</i> | | |
| ANTHRO 350 | Political Anthropology | 3-4 |
| ANTHRO 448 | Anthropology of Law | 3 |
| ENGL 142 | Mystery and Crime Fiction | 3 |
| ENGL 174 | Literature and Social Justice (*Law and Literature) | 3 |
| ENGL 548 | Topic in Literature and Politics (*Guilt) | 3 |
| HISTORY 201 | The Historian's Craft (*Shanghai Life) | 3-4 |
| HISTORY 500 | Reading Seminar in History (*Chinese Law) | 3 |
| ILS 371 | Interdisciplinary Studies in the Arts and Humanities (*Books by Crooks) | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 477 | History of Forensic Science | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 510 | Legal Pluralism | 3 |
| LITTRANS 236 | Bascom Course-In Translation (*Extreme Stories) | 3 |
| LITTRANS 324 | Topics in Scandinavian Literature (*Criminal Utopias) | 3-4 |

Law and Theory

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| <i>Theme 5: Law & Theory</i> | | |
| HISTORY/LEGAL ST 476 | Medieval Law and Society | 3 |
| LEGAL ST 407 | Jurisprudence and Social Issues | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 426 | The History of Punishment | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 459 | Rule of Law: Philosophical and Historical Models | 3-4 |
| JOURN 563 | Law of Mass Communication | 4 |

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| MED HIST/PHILOS 558 | Ethical Issues in Health Care | 3 |
| PHILOS 304 | Topics in Philosophy: Humanities (Philos and Criminal Punishment) | 3-4 |
| PHILOS 341 | Contemporary Moral Issues | 3-4 |
| PHILOS/MED HIST/AGRONOMY/C&E SOC 565 | The Ethics of Modern Biotechnology | 3 |

METHODS AND RESEARCH

Two courses, one each from:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Research Design | | |
| POLI SCI 170 | Research Methods in Political Science | |
| POLI SCI/JOURN/URB R PL 373 | Introduction to Survey Research | |
| PSYCH 225 | Research Methods | |
| PUB AFFR 240 | Evidence-Based Policy Making | |
| PUB AFFR 380 | Analytic Tools for Public Policy | |
| SOC/C&E SOC 357 | Methods of Sociological Inquiry | |
| Statistics | | |
| ECON 310 | Statistics: Measurement in Economics | |
| GEN BUS 306 | Business Analytics I | |
| PSYCH 210 | Basic Statistics for Psychology | |
| SOC/C&E SOC 360 | Statistics for Sociologists I | |
| STAT 301 | Introduction to Statistical Methods | |
| STAT 371 | Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences | |

CORE PERSPECTIVES

Please note: Though some courses may appear in more than one Theme Group and/or Core Perspective, a single course will only satisfy one (and only one) requirement. Courses will not be double counted.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| One Core Perspective course: | | |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 261 | American Legal History to 1860 | |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 262 | American Legal History, 1860 to the Present | |
| LEGAL ST 400 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences | |
| LEGAL ST 407 | Jurisprudence and Social Issues | |
| LEGAL ST 409 | Human Rights in Law and Society | |
| LEGAL ST/GEN&WS/SOC 425 | Crime, Gender and Justice | |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 426 | The History of Punishment | |
| LEGAL ST 435 | Civil Rights: Policing, Prisons, Voting, Housing, Employment | |

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| LEGAL ST/ CHICLA/ SOC 440 | Ethnicity, Race, and Justice |
| LEGAL ST/ CHICLA/ SOC 443 | Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement |
| LEGAL ST 450 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities |
| LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 459 | Rule of Law: Philosophical and Historical Models |
| LEGAL ST/ LIS 460 | Surveillance, Privacy, and Police Powers |
| LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 477 | History of Forensic Science |
| LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 510 | Legal Pluralism |
| LEGAL ST 600 | Special Topics in Legal Studies |
| LEGAL ST/SOC 641 | Sociology of Law |

Electives

Choose either a Senior Thesis...

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| LEGAL ST 681 & LEGAL ST 682 | Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis |
| LEGAL ST 691 & LEGAL ST 692 | Senior Thesis and Senior Thesis |
| POLI SCI 681 & POLI SCI 682 | Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis |

... or two additional Theme courses from above

GLOBAL LEGAL SYSTEMS

At least two courses in the major must have substantial content dealing with countries or cultures outside the United States, or with the international legal system. For this requirement, a course can count both for purposes of meeting the Distribution requirement above and the Global Legal Systems requirement. The following courses fulfill the Global Legal Systems requirement:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Two Global Legal Systems courses: | | |
| ANTHRO 350 | Political Anthropology | 3-4 |
| ANTHRO 448 | Anthropology of Law | 3 |
| ENGL 174 | Literature and Social Justice (*Law and Literature) | 3 |
| ENGL 548 | Topic in Literature and Politics (*Guilt) | 3 |
| GEN&WS 424 | | 3 |
| GEOG 307 | International Migration, Health, and Human Rights | 3 |
| HISTORY 201 | The Historian's Craft (Topic: Shanghai Life and Crime) | 3-4 |
| HISTORY 500 | Reading Seminar in History (Topic: Chinese Law) | 3 |
| INTL ST 601 | Topics in Global Security (Topic: International Criminal Justice) | 1-4 |
| LEGAL ST/JEWISH/ RELIG ST 203 | Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics | 3 |

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| LEGAL ST 400 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Law, Sexuality and Society) | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST 400 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Law, Justice and Climate Change) | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST 409 | Human Rights in Law and Society | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/SOC 425 | Crime, Gender and Justice | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 426 | The History of Punishment | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST/ ENVIR ST/ HISTORY 430 | Law and Environment: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives | 3 |
| LEGAL ST 450 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities (Topic: Criminal Justice and Popular Culture) | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST 450 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities (Courts, Constitutionalism and Human Rights) | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 459 | Rule of Law: Philosophical and Historical Models | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 476 | Medieval Law and Society | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 477 | History of Forensic Science | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/HISTORY 510 | Legal Pluralism | 3 |
| LEGAL ST 600 | Special Topics in Legal Studies | 1-3 |
| LITTRANS 236 | Bascom Course-In Translation (Topic: Extreme Stories) | 3 |
| LITTRANS 324/ SCAND ST 436 | Topics in Scandinavian Literature (Topic: Criminal Utopias) | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 340 | The European Union: Politics and Political Economy | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 347 | Terrorism | 3 |
| POLI SCI 349 | Global Access to Justice | 3 |
| POLI SCI 354 | International Institutions and World Order | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 356 | Principles of International Law | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 401 | Selected Topics in Political Science (Topic: Global Access to Justice) | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 432 | Comparative Legal Institutions | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI/ INTL ST 434 | The Politics of Human Rights | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI/ GEN&WS 435 | Politics of Gender and Women's Rights in the Middle East | 3 |
| POLI SCI/ INTL ST 439 | The Comparative Study of Genocide | 3-4 |
| POLI SCI 635 | Comparative Politics of Sport | 3-4 |

RACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES

At least one course in the major must have substantial content dealing with race and justice studies. For this requirement, a course can count both for purposes of meeting the Distribution requirement above and the Race and

Justice Studies requirement. The following courses fulfill the Race and Justice Studies requirement.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| AFROAMER 272 | Race and American Politics from the New Deal to the New Right | 3 |
| AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 323 | Gender, Race and Class: Women in U.S. History | 3 |
| AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 326 | Race and Gender in Post-World War II U.S. Society | 3 |
| AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 625 | Gender, Race and the Civil Rights Movement | 3 |
| AFROAMER/ HISTORY 628 | History of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States | 3 |
| HISTORY/ ED POL 143 | History of Race and Inequality in Urban America | 3 |
| HISTORY/ GEN&WS 315 | Gender, Race and Colonialism | 3 |
| HISTORY/ AFROAMER 393 | Slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction, 1848-1877 | 3-4 |
| HISTORY 403 | Immigration and Assimilation in American History | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST 400 | Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Topic: Criminal Injustice in America) | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST 435 | Civil Rights: Policing, Prisons, Voting, Housing, Employment | 3 |
| LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 440 | Ethnicity, Race, and Justice | 3-4 |
| LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 443 | Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement | 3-4 |
| PUB AFFR 520 | Inequality, Race and Public Policy | 3 |
| SOC/ASIAN AM 220 | Ethnic Movements in the United States | 3-4 |

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all LEGAL ST and major courses
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence¹
- 15 credits in LEGAL ST and courses for the major, taken on campus

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may apply for admission to Honors in the Legal Studies Major in consultation with the Legal Studies undergraduate advisor(s).

HONORS IN THE LEGAL STUDIES MAJOR: ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Declaration of the legal studies major
- A 3.300 University GPA
- A 3.500 GPA for all LEGAL ST courses, and all courses accepted in the major
- Completion of or current enrollment in, for Honors credit, at least one course accepted in the major

HONORS IN THE LEGAL STUDIES MAJOR: REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major in Legal Studies, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA for all LEGAL ST courses, and all courses accepted in the major
- Complete the research design and statistics requirements for the regular major prior to enrollment in the Senior Honors Thesis (typically junior year)
- Complete 15 credits in the major, taken for Honors, earning a B or better grade in each course
- Complete a two-semester Senior Honors thesis in LEGAL ST 681 and LEGAL ST 682, for a total of 6 credits.

FOOTNOTES

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Upper-level in the major includes all LEGAL ST and major courses that are designated Intermediate or Advanced level.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.