

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*.

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

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.

Please note: No more than four (4) courses from any single SUBJECT (e.g., POLI SCI) may count toward the legal studies major; this restriction does not apply to LEGAL ST courses or courses cross-listed with LEGAL ST.

THEME: LEGAL INSTITUTIONS

Two courses required from:

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Theme Group 1: Legal Institutions</i>		
ELPA 502	Workshop in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis (Topic: Law and Public Educ)	1-3
ELPA 640	Legal Rights and Responsibilities for Teachers	1-3
GEN BUS 301	Business Law	3
GEN BUS 302	Business Organizations and Negotiable Instruments	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 (Topic: Law, Justice and Climate Change)	3
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 (Topic: Courts, Constitutionalism and Human Rights)	3

LEGAL ST/LAW/ SOC 641	Sociology of Law	3-4	LEGAL ST/L I S 460	Surveillance, Privacy, and Police Powers	3
POLI SCI 309	Civil Liberties in the United States	3-4	LEGAL ST/SOC 694	Criminal Justice Field Observation	2-3
POLI SCI 311	United States Congress	3-4	POLI SCI 314	Criminal Law and Justice	3-4
POLI SCI 340	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3-4	PSYCH 526	The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives	4
POLI SCI 347	Terrorism	3	PSYCH 601	Current Topics in Psychology (*Juv Delin)	3
POLI SCI 354	International Institutions and World Order	3-4	R M I 615	Liability Risk Management	3
POLI SCI 356	Principles of International Law	3-4	SOC 421	Processes of Deviant Behavior	3-4
POLI SCI 401	Selected Topics in Political Science (Topic: Legal Writing)	3-4	SOC 441	Criminology	3-4
POLI SCI 401	Selected Topics in Political Science (Topic: Global Access to Justice)	3-4	SOC 446	Juvenile Delinquency	3-4
POLI SCI 408	The American Presidency	3-4	Law and Social Forces		
POLI SCI 411	The American Constitution : Powers and Structures of Government	4	Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 412	The American Constitution: Rights and Civil Liberties	4	<i>Theme 3: Law & Social Forces</i>		
POLI SCI 414	The Supreme Court as a Political Institution	3	AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 625	Gender, Race and the Civil Rights Movement	3
POLI SCI 415	The Separation of Powers and Federal Courts	3	AFROAMER 671	Selected Topics in Afro-American History (*Crim Blkns; Race & Inprison)	3
POLI SCI 417	The American Judicial System	3-4	AFROAMER 673	Selected Topics in Afro-American Society (*Race and Policing)	3
POLI SCI/ PUB AFFR 419	Administrative Law	3-4	AMER IND 450	Issues in American Indian Studies (*Indigenous Rights *Nat Resources *Fed Ind Law *Ind Child Welfare)	3
POLI SCI 432	Comparative Legal Institutions	3-4	ECON 522	Law and Economics	3-4
POLI SCI/ INTL ST 434	The Politics of Human Rights	3-4	ENVIR ST 349	Climate Change Governance	3
POLI SCI/ INTL ST 439	The Comparative Study of Genocide	3-4	ENVIR ST/GEOG 439	US Environmental Policy and Regulation	3-4
POLI SCI 470	The First Amendment	3-4	HISTORY 408		3-4
POLI SCI 510	Politics of Government Regulation	3-4	GEN&WS 424	Women's International Human Rights	3
POLI SCI 538	Politics and Policies in the European Union	3-4	HISTORY 500	Reading Seminar in History (*Chinese Law)	3
POLI SCI 601	Proseminar: Topics in Political Science (Topic: Supreme Court)	3	HISTORY/ AFROAMER 628	History of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States	3
POLI SCI 635	Comparative Politics of Sport	3-4	LEGAL ST/JEWISH/ RELIG ST 203	Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics	3

THEME DISTRIBUTION

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

Process of Legal Order and Disorder

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Theme 2: Processes of Legal Order & Disorder</i>		
COM ARTS 371	Communication and Conflict Resolution	3
COM ARTS 671	Communication and Social Conflict	3
ENVIR ST/ PL PATH 368	Environmental Law, Toxic Substances, and Conservation	2
HISTORY 344	The Age of the American Revolution, 1763-1789	3-4
INTL ST 601	Topics in Global Security (Topic: International Criminal Justice: Models & Practice)	1-4

LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Civil Rights)	3
LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Impacts of Social Legal Issues on Health)	3
LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Law, Sexuality and Society)	3
LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Neighborhoods, Crime and Punishment)	3
LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Wrongful Convictions)	3
LEGAL ST/GEN&WS 422	Women and the Law	3
LEGAL ST/GEN&WS/ SOC 425	Crime, Gender and Justice	3

LEGAL ST/ENVIR ST/ HISTORY 430	Law and Environment: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	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/L I S 645	Intellectual Freedom	3
LEGAL ST/L I S 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
<i>Theme 4: Law & Culture</i>		
ANTHRO 350	Political Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO 448	Anthropology of Law	3
COMP LIT 203	Introduction to Cross-Cultural Literary Forms (*Law & Lit *Prison & the dream of freed)	3
COMP LIT 350	Problems in Comparative Literatures and Cultures (*Literature and Prison *Literature & Prison) ¹	3-4
COMP LIT 500	The Comparative In and Beyond Comparative Literature (*Guilt) ¹	3
ENGL 142	Mystery and Crime Fiction	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 450	Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities (*Criminal Justice and Popular Culture)	3-4
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
<i>Theme 5: Law & Theory</i>		
HISTORY/ LEGAL ST 476	Medieval Law and Society	3
LEGAL ST/HISTORY 426	The History of Punishment	3-4

LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 459	Rule of Law: Philosophical and Historical Models	3-4
LEGAL ST 450	Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities (*Jurisprudence)	3-4
JOURN 563	Law of Mass Communication	4
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 559	Philosophy of Law	3
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
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	
SOC/ C&E SOC 357	Methods of Sociological Inquiry	
Statistics		
ECON 310	Statistics: Measurement in Economics	
GEN BUS 306	Business Analytics I	
POLI SCI 374	Introduction to Statistical Inference for Political Research	
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
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 (Law, Justice and Climate Change)	
LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Civil Rights)	

LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Law, Sexuality and Society)
LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Neighborhoods, Crime and Punishment)
LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences (Wrongful Convictions)
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/ 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 (Courts, Constitutionalism and Human Rights)
LEGAL ST 450	Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities (Jurisprudence and Social Issues)
LEGAL ST 450	Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities (Criminal Justice and Popular Culture)
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 459	Rule of Law: Philosophical and Historical Models
LEGAL ST/ L I S 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...

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

NON-US LEGAL SYSTEMS

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

Code	Title	Credits
Two Non US Legal Systems courses:		
ANTHRO 350	Political Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO 448	Anthropology of Law	3
COMP LIT 203	Introduction to Cross-Cultural Literary Forms (Topic: Law and Literature)	3
COMP LIT 205	(Topic: Prison and the Dream of Freedom)	3
COMP LIT 350	Problems in Comparative Literatures and Cultures (Topic: Literature and Prison)	3-4
COMP LIT 500	The Comparative In and Beyond Comparative Literature (Topic: Guilt)	3
GEN&WS 424	Women's International 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 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 450	Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities (Topic: Jewish Law)	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 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/ INTL ST 439	The Comparative Study of Genocide	3-4
POLI SCI 635	Comparative Politics of Sport	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

¹ 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.