

Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

The Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies offers in-depth knowledge of the U.S. court system, legal writing and research, legal practice, and various types of law, while emphasizing governance, civil and criminal processes, and the theory and philosophy of justice. This degree will aid you in doing your part to help solve aspects of the complex societal challenges associated with the public's ability to access justice and by preparing you for careers such as court or legal administrator, investigator, paralegal, court clerk, legal analytics or data security professional, and similar jobs requiring a broad understanding of law and the legal field. By equipping you for ethical service and leadership, the knowledge gained from this degree is applicable to many employers, such as law firms, corporations, and local and national government agencies.

Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Appraise the merits of legal research and writing skills as applied in realistic contexts.
- Differentiate factual, conceptual and procedural patterns through the use of critical thinking and legal analytical skills.
- Collaborate on finding legal solutions with technology.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
General Education Requirements		30
Major Required		24
General Concentration (p. 2)		24
Final Program Requirements		3
Electives Requirements		39
Total Semester Hours		120

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	

ARTH241	Film and Literature
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop
LITR201	World Literature through the Renaissance
LITR202	World Literature since the Renaissance
LITR210	English Literature: Beowulf to 18th Century
LITR211	English Literature: 18th Century to Present
LITR220	American Literature before The Civil War
LITR221	American Literature from The Civil War to Present
ARAB100	Arabic I
ARAB101	Arabic II
FREN100	French I
FREN101	French II
GERM100	German I
GERM101	German II
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese
MUSI200	Music Appreciation
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL110	Critical Thinking
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions
RUSS100	Russian I
SPAN100	Spanish I
SPAN101	Spanish II

Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)¹
 Select 2 courses from the following: 6

ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
CHFD220	Human Sexuality
COMM211	Social Media and Society
COMM240	Intercultural Communication
ECON101	Microeconomics
ECON102	Macroeconomics
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness
IRLS210	International Relations I
LITR204	Contemporary World Culture Through Literature
LITR205	Cultural Diversity in Contemporary American Literature
POLS210	American Government I
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology

SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI212	Social Problems	
SOCI220	American Popular Culture	
Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)		
COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
ENGL102	Effectiveness in Writing	3
History (3 semester hours)		
Select 1 course from the following: 3		
HIST101	American History to 1877	
HIST102	American History since 1877	
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	
HIST221	African-American History before 1877	
HIST222	African-American History since 1877	
HIST223	History of the American Indian	
HIST270	History of Science	
Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)		
Select 1 course from the following: 3		
ACCT105	Accounting for Non Accounting Majors	
ENTD200	Fundamentals of Programming	
MATH110	College Algebra	
MATH111	College Trigonometry	
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225	Calculus	
Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)		
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BIOL180	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry	
ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology	
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology	
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science	
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics	
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy	
Total Semester Hours		30

¹ All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

Major Required (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
LSTD204	Introduction to the Courts	3
LSTD205	Legal Research and Writing	3
LSTD207	Civil Practice and Procedure	3
LSTD210	Legal Ethics	3
LSTD300	Administrative Law and Policy	3
LSTD301	Constitutional Law	3
LSTD302	Criminal Law	3
LSTD303	Family Law	3
Total Semester Hours		24

General Concentration (24 semester hours)

A general concentration allows you to take courses across a number of areas of study within your program based on your own interests.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 8 courses from the following:		24
LSTD209	Sports Law, Risk, and Regulation	
HOSP204	Introduction to Hotel and Restaurant Law	
BUSN311	Law and Ethics in the Business Environment	
EVSP411	Environmental Policy, Regulation, and Law	
HOSP302	Hospitality Law	
ITMG281	Law, Privacy, and Digital Data	
LSTD304	Military Law	
LSTD306	International Law	
LSTD401	Maritime Law	
LSTD402	Immigration Law and Policy	
LSTD453	Evidence	
POLS410	Public Policy	
SOCI422	Sociology of the Law	
SSGS490	Independent Study	
Total Semester Hours		24

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
LSTD497	Senior Seminar in Legal Studies (to be taken as the last course before graduation) ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		3

¹ Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment.

Elective Requirements (39 semester hours)

Select any courses that have not been used to fulfill major requirements. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.