

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 by providing a broad understanding of law and the legal field. By equipping you for ethical service and leadership, the knowledge gained from this degree is often required in environments 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
	Select one of the following concentrations:	24
	General Concentration (p. 2)	
	Criminal Law Support (p. 2)	
	Legal Communications (p. 3)	
	Legal Data Analytics (p. 3)	
	Legal Data Security (p. 3)	
	Legal Entrepreneurism (p. 4)	
	Legal Ethics (p. 4)	
	Legal Office Administration (p. 5)	
	Final Program Requirements	3
	Electives Requirements	39
	Total Semester Hours	120

Degree Program Requirements

General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)¹		
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	3
Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)¹		
POLS210	American Government I	3
SOCI212	Social Problems	3
Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)		
COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
ENGL115	Argumentation and Rhetoric	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	
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM	
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	
MATH112	Pre-Calculus	
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225	Calculus	
Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)		3
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	
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines	
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
ENGL101	Proficiency in Writing	3
LSTD204	Introduction to the Courts	3
LSTD205	Legal Research and Writing	3
LSTD207	Civil Practice and Procedure	3
LSTD210	Legal Ethics	3
LSTD211	Introduction to Legal Technology	3
LSTD301	Constitutional Law	3
LSTD303	Family Law	3
Total Semester Hours		24

You must choose a concentration for this degree program and may select from the General Concentration, Concentration in Criminal Law Support, Concentration in Legal Communications, Concentration in Legal Data Analytics, Concentration in Legal Data Security, Concentration in Legal Entrepreneurism/Small Business Management, Concentration in Legal Ethics, or Concentration in Legal Office Administration.

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	
Total Semester Hours		24

Concentration in Criminal Law Support (24 semester hours)

This 24-semester-hour concentration provides a comprehensive conceptual and skills-based exposure to the substantive law, ethics, and procedures needed to effectively assist lawyers in preparing for and presenting legal cases before criminal courts.*

* *Practice of law is defined by state bar associations. Students must check with their respective state bar associations to learn more about attorney and non-lawyer legal professional licensing requirements.*

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Explore and react appropriately to a range of realistic criminal law contexts.
- Differentiate the factual, conceptual, ethical, and procedural patterns relating to criminal law matters through the application of critical thinking and legal analytical skills.
- Use technology to find legal solutions to criminal law-related challenges.
- Gain skills often needed to competently and ethically support lawyers in criminal law-related matters.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
CMRJ201	Criminal Justice Administration	3
LSTD203	Criminal Law and Procedure for the Paralegal	3
LSTD302	Criminal Law	3
LSTD201	Litigation	3
LSTD300	Administrative Law and Policy	3
CMRJ101	Evidence and Procedures	3
LSTD453	Evidence	3

LSTD454	Legal Technology: eDiscovery	3
Total Semester Hours		24

Concentration in Legal Communications (24 semester hours)

This 24-semester-hour concentration provides a comprehensive conceptual and skills-based exposure to the substantive legal and communications-related topics, ethics, and procedures needed to effectively assist lawyers in their public communications.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Communicate with the public in multiple ways about legal contexts.
- Differentiate factual, conceptual, ethical, and procedural patterns relating to legal matters through the use of critical thinking and legal analytical skills.
- Use technology to find public communication-related solutions to legal challenges.
- Gain skills often needed to competently and ethically deliver public communications about a variety of legal matters.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
COMM200	Public Speaking	3
COMM280	Ethics in Communication	3
COMM300	Communication Research Skills	3
COMM350	Journalism	3
COMM351	Strategic Communication	3
MKTG304	Public Relations	3
COMM370	Situational Communication	3
COMM380	Communication of Listening	3
Total Semester Hours		24

Concentration in Legal Data Analytics (24 semester hours)

This 24-semester-hour concentration provides a comprehensive conceptual and skills-based exposure to the substantive legal and business concepts, ethics, and procedures needed to effectively assist lawyers in understanding and maximizing the power of their data.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Scrutinize legal data in multiple ways to maximize its use in appropriate legal and business ways.
- Differentiate factual, conceptual, ethical, and procedural patterns relating to legal data through the use of critical thinking and legal analytical skills.
- Use technology to find solutions to challenges associated with legal data.
- Gain skills often needed to competently and ethically work with offices that handle legal data.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
BUSN250	Analytics I	3
BUSN311	Law and Ethics in the Business Environment	3
BUSN330	Fundamentals of Business Analysis I	3
BUSN331	Fundamentals of Business Analysis II	3
BUSN336	Strategic Policy Decision-Making	3
BUSN350	Analytics II	3
BUSN450	Advanced Analytics	3
ITMG481	Ethics in Information Technology	3
Total Semester Hours		24

Concentration in Legal Data Security (24 semester hours)

This 24-semester-hour concentration provides a comprehensive conceptual and skills-based exposure to the substantive legal and business concepts, ethics, and procedures needed to effectively assist lawyers in protecting their data, including that which belongs to their clients.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Scrutinize legal data in multiple ways to protect its use in appropriate legal and business ways.
- Differentiate factual, conceptual, ethical, and procedural patterns relating to legal data through the use of critical thinking and legal analytical skills.
- Use technology to find solutions to challenges associated with legal data.

- Gain skills often needed to competently and ethically protect legal data.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INFO222	Database Concepts	3
ISSC231	Networking Concepts	3
ISSC290	Securing Databases	3
ISSC331	Legal Issues in Information Security	3
ISSC361	Information Assurance	3
ISSC363	IT Security: Risk Management	3
ISSC421	Computer and Network Security	3
ITMG481	Ethics in Information Technology	3
Total Semester Hours		24

Concentration in Legal Entrepreneurism (24 semester hours)

This 24-semester-hour concentration provides a comprehensive conceptual and skills-based exposure to the substantive legal and business concepts, ethics, and procedures needed to effectively operate a business to help create new solutions to challenges impacting the legal field.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Explore innovative business concepts to try to solve issues related to society's inability to access justice when they need it.
- Differentiate factual, conceptual, ethical, and procedural patterns relating to legal and business challenges through the use of critical thinking and legal analytical skills.
- Use technology to find solutions to challenges associated with legal entrepreneurship.
- Gain skills often needed to competently and ethically try to help solve at least some portion of the access-to-justice problem.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
BUSN311	Law and Ethics in the Business Environment	3
ENTR421	The Value of Networking	3
ENTR150	Idea Generation	3
ENTR215	Innovation Design and Prototyping	3

ENTR300	Foundations of Entrepreneurship	3
ENTR311	Business Plan Foundations	3
ENTR320	Practical Law for the Entrepreneur	3
LSTD212	Basic Contracts Law	3
Total Semester Hours		24

Concentration in Legal Ethics (24 semester hours)

Students in this concentration learn the substantive law and procedures needed to effectively assist lawyers in making ethical decisions on behalf of their clients. The same knowledge and skills can support those students desiring to become non-lawyer legal professionals who are authorized to act independently of lawyers. * It also offers students opportunities to practice relevant skills in realistic scenarios.

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Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Explore and react appropriately to a range of realistic legal contexts that involve ethical dilemmas.
- Differentiate the factual, conceptual, ethical, and procedural patterns relating to legal matters involving ethical questions through the application of critical thinking and legal analytical skills.
- Use technology to find legal solutions to ethical challenges.
- Gain skills often needed to competently and ethically support lawyers, or act independently (if legally authorized) in matters involving ethical questions.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	3
COMM280	Ethics in Communication	3
PHIL300	Logic	3
PHIL330	Philosophy of Law	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
BUSN311	Law and Ethics in the Business Environment	
CMRJ308	Ethics in Criminal Justice	
ITMG481	Ethics in Information Technology	
MGMT314	Management Ethics	

PBHE215	Healthcare: Moral Issues	
PHIL320	Environmental Ethics	
POLS301	Ethics in Politics	
SOCI422	Sociology of the Law	
SCMT371	Legal and Ethical Issues in Security Management	
SPMT326	Ethics in Sports	
Total Semester Hours		24

Concentration in Legal Office Administration (24 semester hours)

This 24-semester-hour concentration provides a comprehensive conceptual and skills-based exposure to the substantive legal and business concepts, ethics, and procedures needed to effectively operate legal offices.

Note: EDMG220, FINC300, FINC405, and HRMT407 may be taken as elective courses to expand your knowledge of this specific concentration area.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Explore business concepts to help operate legally-oriented businesses properly.
- Differentiate factual, conceptual, ethical, and procedural patterns relating to legal and business challenges through the use of critical thinking and legal analytical skills.
- Use technology to find solutions to challenges associated with legal office administration.
- Gain skills often needed to competently and ethically manage legal business operations.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
BUSN330	Fundamentals of Business Analysis I	3
BUSN331	Fundamentals of Business Analysis II	3
BUSN333	Project Management for Business Analysts	3
BUSN336	Strategic Policy Decision-Making	3
BUSN410	Critical Thinking Strategies for Business Decisions	3
HRMT101	Human Relations Communication	3
LSTD212	Basic Contracts Law	3
MGMT101	Principles of Supervision	3
Total Semester Hours		24

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 1 course from the following:		3
LSTD497	Senior Seminar in Legal Studies (to be taken as the last course before graduation) ¹	
LSTD498	Practical Legal Studies Applications	
Total Semester Hours		3

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

Elective Requirements (39 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select any courses not already taken to fulfill the requirements listed above. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.		39
Total Semester Hours		39