

# Legal Studies

The Legal Studies Program provides students with a broad understanding of basic principles of law and the role and function of the legal system. While no specific major is prescribed for admission to law school, many pre-law students elect to major in Legal Studies. The Legal Studies Program, in addition to preparing students for law-related careers, provides a foundation for law school or other graduate education. All of the full-time Legal Studies faculty are attorneys who are graduates of ABA-Approved law schools and are available for law school advising. Legal Studies students are encouraged to work closely with Legal Studies Advisors in planning their programs. Satisfactory completion of program requirements leads to the degree of Bachelor of Arts with a major in Legal Studies.

## Program Requirements

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies must meet the requirements listed below. A grade of "C" is required for all courses listed as core courses.

Students may get credit for a maximum of 6 hours of Field Study / Internship / Directed Study. All PLA courses presume competency and experience with word processing, spreadsheets, databases, e-mail and Internet. Any course substitutions for specifically listed courses must be approved in advance, in writing by the Legal Studies Program Advisor.

## General Education

In addition to the General Education requirements listed on this page, students must satisfy all additional University requirements, including the Gordon Rule, multicultural, and foreign language requirements. With appropriate planning and coordination with an academic advisor, students may satisfy some of the general University requirements through the General Education curriculum. For a complete listing of general degree requirements, refer to the "Graduation and General Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.uwf.edu/undergraduate/universityrequirements>)" section of this catalog.

General Education Curriculum:

### Communication

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II	3

### Mathematics

Choose one course from Group A and one Additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

#### Group A

MAC 1105	College Algebra
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MAC 2311	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I
MGF 1106	Mathematics for Liberal Arts I
MGF 1107	Mathematics for Liberal Arts II
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics

#### Group B

MAC 1105C	College Algebra with Lab
MAC 1114	Trigonometry
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra
MAC 2233	Calculus with Business Applications
MAC 2312	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II

## Social Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

#### Group A

AMH 2020	United States since 1877
ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology
ECO 2013	Principles of Economics Macro
POS 2041	American Politics
PSY 2012	General Psychology
SPM 2010	Sport in Global Society
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology

#### Group B

AMH 2010	United States to 1877
ANT 2400	Current Cultural Issues
ANT 2100	Introduction to Archaeology
CCJ 2002	Survey of Crime and Justice
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics
DEP 2004	Human Development Across the Lifespan
EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I
EUH 1001	Western Perspectives II
FIN 2104	Personal Financial Planning
GEA 2000	Nations and Regions of the World
GEB 1011	Introduction to Business
IDH 1041	Honors Core 2
INR 2002	International Politics
MMC 2000	Principles of Mass Communication
PLA 2013	Survey of American Law
SOW 2192	Understanding Relationships in the 21st Century
SYG 2010	Current Social Problems

## Humanities

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

#### Group A

ARH 1000	Art Appreciation
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature
MUL 2010	Music Appreciation
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy
THE 2000	Theatre Appreciation

#### Group B

AML 2010	American Literature I
AML 2020	American Literature II

AML 2072	Sex, Money, and Power in American Literature
ARH 2050	Western Survey I: Prehistory to the Medieval Period
ARH 2051	Western Survey II: Renaissance to Contemporary
ART 1015C	Exploring Artistic Vision
ART 2821	Art and Visual Culture Today
CRW 2001	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENL 2010	History of English Literature I
ENL 2020	History of English Literature II
IDH 1040	Honors Core 1
MUH 2930	The Music Experience: Special Topics
PHI 2103	Critical Thinking
PHI 2603	Ethics in Contemporary Society
REL 1300	World Religions
THE 2300	Survey of Dramatic Literature
SPC 2608	Basic Communication Skills

## Natural Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A	
AST 1002	Descriptive Astronomy
BSC 1005	General Biology for Non-Majors
BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I
BSC 2010	Biology I
CHM 1020	Concepts in Chemistry *
CHM 2045	General Chemistry I *
ESC 2000	Introduction to Earth Science
EVR 2001	Introduction to Environmental Science
PHY 1020	Introduction to Concepts in Physics *
PHY 2048	University Physics I **
PHY 2048C	University Physics I - Studio
PHY 2053	General Physics I **
Group B	
ANT 2511	Biological Anthropology
BOT 2010	General Botany
BSC 1050	Fundamentals of Ecology
BSC 1086	Anatomy and Physiology II *
BSC 2011	Biology II
BSC 2311	Introduction to Oceanography and Marine Biology *
CGS 2060	Excursions in Computing
CHM 1032	Fundamentals of General Chemistry *
CHM 2046	General Chemistry II *
CIS 2530	Introduction to Cyber Security
GEO 1200	Physical Geography
GLY 2010	Physical Geology *
MCB 1000	Fundamentals of Microbiology *
PHY 2049	University Physics II **
PHY 2054	General Physics II *

\* May be taken with or without lab.

\*\* General Physics is non-calculus based and is usually recommended for non-science majors. University Physics is calculus based and is usually recommended for science majors.

\*\*\* Although students receive 5 semester hours credit for PHY 2048C, an additional 3 semester science course will be needed to meet General Education requirements.

## General Education Electives

Choose an additional course from two of the three areas of Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences

## Lower Division Electives

Students must complete sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to complete at least 60 semester hours in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4000) to meet this elective requirement. 24

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Total Hours 24

Legal Studies students planning to take the LSAT and seek admission to law school are encouraged to take courses that will strengthen their written and verbal communication skills as these are needed to be successful in law school.

## Major

UWF Legal Studies Core - minimum "C" required in all <sup>+</sup> 21

PLA 2013	Survey of American Law <sup>+</sup>
PLA 3020	Law and Society <sup>+</sup>
PLA 3703	The Legal System and Ethics <sup>+</sup>
PLA 3103	Legal Research and Writing <sup>+,+</sup>
PLA 4155	Legal Advocacy <sup>+,+</sup>
PLA 4263	Evidence <sup>+</sup>
PLA 4885	Constitutional Law for the Legal Professional <sup>+</sup>

UWF Legal Studies Major Electives (choose 21 hours) Select any PLA 3/4000 level courses not taken as part of the core; some courses require a minimum GPA or prerequisites. Contact your advisor for additional information. <sup>+</sup> 21

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Total Hours 42

<sup>+</sup> Courses included in the major GPA

\* Students should complete PLA 2013 Survey of American Law and at least one of the following courses: PLA 3020 Law and Society PLA 3703 The Legal System and Ethics PLA 4263 Evidence PLA 4885 Constitutional Law for the Legal Professional before attempting to take PLA 3103 Legal Research and Writing. Students must complete before enrolling in PLA 4155 Legal Advocacy. All Legal Studies majors must successfully complete PLA 4155 Legal Advocacy notwithstanding any prior course work in legal research and writing. Students can satisfy up to 6 hours of the Legal Studies Major Electives requirement with internship and/or directed study courses (the combination of these may not exceed 6 hours).

## Major-Related

Supporting Electives from Related Programs (9 hours) 9  
 Criminal Justice (CCJ, CJL, CJE, CJC) History (HIS, EUH, AMH) Philosophy (PHI, PHM) Political Science/Government (POS, POT, INR) Public Administration (PAD) Business Administration (MAN, INP, GEB, ACG, FIN)

Suggested/Approved Supporting Elective Courses from Related Programs offered at UWF :

Ethics, Philosophy and Critical Thought:

PHH 3100	Greek Philosophy
PHH 3400	Modern Philosophy
PHI 3130	Modern Logic
PHI 3670	Ethics
PHM 3200	Social and Political Philosophy

Written and Verbal Interactions with Others

COM 4103	Leadership Communication
COM 4110	Business and Professional Communication
COM 4120	Organizational Communication
GEB 3213	Writing for Business: Theory and Practice
INP 3313	Organizational Behavior
MAN 3025	Management Fundamentals
MAN 3240	Behavior in Organizations
MAN 3301	Human Resources Management
SOP 3004	Social Psychology
SPC 3301	Interpersonal Communication
SOW 3350	Interviewing and Recording

Financial Information:

ACG 3082	Accounting for Non-Majors
GEB 3032	Business Foundations for Non-Business Majors

Law-Related:

AMH 4551	U. S. Constitutional and Legal History (to 1877)
AMH 4552	U. S. Constitutional and Legal History (Since 1877)
AMH 4575	Civil Rights
EUH 4503	English Constitutional and Legal History
INR 3503	Model United Nations
MMC 4201	The Constitution and the Press
POS 3608	Constitutional Law: Federalism and Separation of Powers
POS 4602	The Founders' Constitution
POS 3624	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Privileges
POS 3625	First Amendment Freedoms
POT 4204	American Political Thought
POS 4673	Jurisprudence
POT 4601	Modern Masters of Political Thought

Total Hours 9

## Upper-Division Electives

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## Pre-Law

The Legal Studies Pre-Law Minor is meant as a supplement to majors other than Legal Studies and is for those who want a minimal background to prepare for law school or who want an introduction to terminology and basic ideas and skills related to the law and the legal profession. In contrast, the Legal Studies major emphasizes legal career preparation. Students who are considering attending law school are strongly encouraged to complete PLA 3103 Legal Research and Writing for the elective in this minor. Students who take PLA 3103-Legal Research and Writing should successfully complete at least one or two law-related courses before attempting this course. Contact a Legal Studies advisor who will assist in choosing appropriate courses. A minimum of 9 sh of upper division courses must be completed at UWF. Legal Studies majors may not earn this minor.

PLA 2013	Survey of American Law	3
PLA 3020	Law and Society	3
Choose one:		3
PLA 4263	Evidence	
PLA 4885	Constitutional Law for the Legal Professional	
Choose two:		6
3000/4000 level Legal Studies (PLA) courses (3-6 sh)		