

LEGAL STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

Political Science

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The Legal Studies Interdisciplinary Minor provides a broad-based academic foundation for students interested in legal or law-related fields. This minor is intended and ideally suited for students who plan to attend law school, as well as to those who are interested in a wide range of careers in which some grounding in legal studies is helpful, such as media, business, human resources, communications, government service, human rights, and others.

Students take 21 credits (12 of which must be upper division) in law related courses emphasizing key aspects of contemporary law and legal practice, such as politics, human rights, gender, race, economics, communication, the environment, and media. Equally, students accrue (and practice) essential skills important for the practice of law, such as persuasive argumentation, fact-based analytical reasoning, effective public speaking, thoughtful public deliberation, and efficient communication.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

1. Identify and demonstrate knowledge of the principles of our existing legal systems and processes within both the American and International contexts.
2. Identify the key philosophical, professional and ethical foundations of law and legal systems.
3. Identify and address legal/judicial concerns and issues within existing mainstream, minority, ethnic, environmental & cultural communities.
4. Identify and examine legal concerns/issues in key disciplines/fields (e.g., Economics, Political Science, Ethnic Studies, International Relations), both a) those unique to individual fields and b) those that overlap within larger interdisciplinary contexts and realities.
5. Draft basic legal and business-related correspondence and documents, including legal memoranda, pleadings and contracts.