

## BACHELOR OF ARTS LEGAL STUDIES

2011-2012

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CORE 42**

___	CMPS	111	Information Literacy	3
___	ENGL	150	English Composition I	3
___	ENGL	151	English Composition II	3
___	ENGL	250	<b>OR ENGL 251</b>	3
___	HHS		ENGL 250 <b>OR</b> 251 <b>OR</b> PHIL 215	3
___	COPA	250	Arts & Human Experience I	3
___	COPA	251	Arts & Human Experience II	3
___	HIST	150	Intro Study of History	3
___	MATH	150	<b>OR 180 OR 190*</b>	3
<b>*Math course level dependent on results of placement Exam.</b>				
___	NSET	110	Intro Natural Sciences I	3
___	NSET	111	Intro Natural Sciences II	3
___	POLS	250	<b>OR POLS 102</b>	3
___	PSYC	150	Psychological Foundations	3
___	SOC	150	<b>OR SOC 105 OR SOC 111</b>	3

**DEPARTMENT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS 30**

**Humanities and Human Sciences (18)**

___	PHIL	100	Intro to PHIL or any PHIL 250+	3
___	PHIL	103	Introduction to Logic <b>OR</b>	3
___	PHIL	201	Critical Thinking	3
___	PHIL	240	Ethics in the Professions	3
___	POLS	202	State and Local Government	3
___	POLS	102	American National Govt.	3
___	HIST	203	History of the United States I	3

**Language Sequence (12)**

Must include a minimum of a two semester sequence in the same foreign language (courses in translation excluded).

___	___	___	_____	3
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**DEPARTMENT MAJOR REQUIREMENTS 30**

___	PHIL	305	Philosophy of Law	3
___	POLS	209	Law and Society	3
___	POLS	215	Introduction to Legal Studies	3
___	POLS	305	Trial Law and Procedure	3
___	POLS	308	Prin of Criminal Justice	3
___	POLS	402	Constitutional Law	3
___	POLS	408	International Law	3

**And any four of the following:**

___	POLS	___	_____	3
				(POLS 295, POLS 395 or POLS 495)
___	PADM	210	Public Administration	3
___	PADM	311	Labor Mgmt Relations in Gov't	3
___	PADM	312	Intro to Administrative Law	3
___	BMGT	201	Business Law I	3
___	BMGT	202	Business Law II	3
___	JOUR	418	Communications Law	3

**18 hours of GENERAL UNIVERSITY ELECTIVES**

___	___	___	_____	3
___	___	___	_____	3
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# Program Objectives

## B.A. in Legal Studies

### **Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:**

- Demonstrate a firm grounding in the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences in general as the foundation and background for understanding Legal Studies in particular, as this engages the relationship of law to social, philosophical, political, scientific, and professional studies.
- Articulate and demonstrate fluency in writing, expression, and research in order to present and support effectively ideas in both written and oral argument formats.
- Formulate, research, defend and substantiate thesis positions and interpretation, and to express the relationship of interpretation and analysis to theory, tradition and practice. Show the ability to apply advanced critical thinking skills to analysis of the issues of law that are presented.
- Develop familiarity with seminal cases in American constitutional law and those that illustrate the most basic areas of criminal and civil law such as contract, tort and property law.
- Understand, demonstrate and apply different methods of legal interpretation including historic and sociological jurisprudence, textual analysis, precedent by the use of relevant case study as applied to practical as well as theoretical legal issues.
- Understand, appreciate, and apply the political structure, procedure, social norms and mandates to the defense, justification for, and exercise of law to practical ends.
- Understand, explain and apply specific structures and procedures of law on the federal level in the United States and specifically in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- To situate chosen areas of expertise in Legal Studies to the greater context of Liberal and Humanistic studies, in terms of social order, values, fundamental human, as well as property rights, and the exercise thereof in a democratic society.