

BACHELOR OF ARTS CAPSTONE PROGRAM LEGAL STUDIES

2011-2012

Student's Name _____
Entrance Date _____
Associate Degree in _____
From _____

This program is for students who have acquired an associate degree in Paralegal, Criminal Justice, Corrections Administration, Legal Assistant, Labor Education and Law Enforcement programs* who intend to pursue careers in law related fields.

PREREQUISITES TO THE PROGRAM 12

___	ENGL	150	English Composition I	3
___	ENGL	151	English Composition II	3
___	POLS	250	Intro Government Systems	3
___	PSYC	150	Psychological Foundations	3

DEPARTMENT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS 36

Humanities (18)

___	ENGL	250	World Literature I	3
___	ENGL	251	World Literature II	3
___	POLS	102	American National Government	3
___	POLS	215	Introduction to Legal Studies	3
___	___	___	_____	3
___	___	___	_____	3
			(Electives)	

Human Sciences (6)

___	PSYC	203	Theories of Personality	3
___	___	___	_____	3
			(Elective 200+Level)	
___	POLS	202	State and Local Government	3

Natural Sciences (6)

___	___	___	_____	3
___	___	___	_____	3
			(Electives may include CMPS &/or PHIL 103)	

Social Sciences (6)

___	___	___	_____	3
___	___	___	_____	3
			Electives - 200+ Level)	

DEPARTMENT MAJOR REQUIREMENTS 24

*Select 6 courses

___	PHIL	305	Philosophy of Law	3
___	POLS	209	Law and Society	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
___	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

Select 2 courses

___	ACCT	101	Introductory Accounting I	3
___	ACCT	102	Introductory Accounting II	3
___	PSYC	204	Abnormal Psychology	3
___	SOC	202	Social Issues	3
___	SOC	215	Sociology of Crim Behavior	3
___	PSYC	317	Psychology of Adolescence	3

ASSOCIATE DEGREE 60

*Students who complete Associate Degrees in areas other than those listed above may enter and complete the Legal Studies program provided they complete **10** of the 12 courses listed in the Required Courses Section under Department Requirements. This brings the minimum credits for the B.A. Program to a total of **132**.

Program Objectives

B.A. Capstone Program 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.