

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LEGAL STUDIES

2017-2018 Degree Requirements

TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE: 120

UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM 42 credits

Required Courses:

COMM 101	Oral Comm. & Pres.	3 credits
* ENGL 101	College Composition	3 credits
UNIV 101	City-University Life	3 credits
	Senior Capstone	3 credits

Choose thematic core courses in the following:

Explore the World - Choice 1	3 credits
Explore the World - Choice 2	3 credits
Investigate Science	3 credits
Investigate Mathematics	3 credits
Interpret Creative Works	3 credits
Understand People - Choice 1	3 credits
Understand People - Choice 2	3 credits
Succeed in Business	3 credits
Appreciate & Apply the Arts	3 credits
Discover Technology	3 credits

**Minimum proficiency (C or better) required in HHS

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 60 credits

<i>Language Sequence (12 credits)</i>	12	<i>Choose four courses from the following:</i>	
Must include a minimum of a 2-course sequence in the <u>same</u> foreign language (courses in translation excluded)		BMGT 201 Business Law I	3
HIST 203 History of the U.S. I	3	BMGT 202 Business Law II	3
PHIL 100 Intro to PHIL OR any PHIL 250+	3	JOUR 418 Communications Law	3
PHIL 103/201 Intro to Logic OR Critical Thinking	3	PADM 210 Public Administration	3
PHIL 240 Ethics in the Professions	3	PADM 311 Labor Mgmt Relations in Gov't	3
POLS 102 American National Gov't	3	PADM 312 Intro to Administrative Law	3
POLS 202 State and Local Gov't	3	PHIL 305 Philosophy of Law	3
POLS 209 Law and Society	3	POLS 295, 395, or 495	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		
POLS 412 Seminar in History and Political Science	3		

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 18 credits

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

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

1. 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.
2. Articulate and demonstrate fluency in writing, expression, and research in order to present and support effectively ideas in both written and oral argument formats.
3. Formulate, research, defend and substantiate thesis positions and interpretation, and 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.
4. 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.
5. Understand, demonstrate and apply different methods of legal interpretation including historic and sociological jurisprudence, textual analysis, and precedent by the use of relevant case study as applied to practical as well as theoretical legal issues.
6. Understand, appreciate, and apply the political structure, procedure, social norms and mandates to the defense, justification for, and exercise of law to practical ends.
7. 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.
8. 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.