

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LEGAL STUDIES

2025-2026 Degree Requirements

Name: _____

ID Number: _____

TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE: 120

UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM: 42 credits

Required Fundamental Courses:

COMM 101	Oral Comm. & Pres.	3 credits	
** ENGL 101	College Composition	3 credits	
UNIV 101	City-University Life	3 credits	
Senior Capstone	POLS 412	3 credits	(Seminar in History)

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

*Min proficiency (C or better) req. in HSS.

**Special Topics must relate to Law

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 48 cr.

PHIL 100+ (3)
HIST 202 OR HIST 373 OR SOCW 309 (3)
POLS 102 Amer Natl Govt OR POLS 250 (3)

Foundations:

CRMJ 150 Intro to Criminal Justice (3)
POLS 209 Law and Society (3)
POLS 215 Intro to American Legal System (3)
POLS 276 Political Theory (3)
POLS 290 Human Rights Theory & Practice (3)
POLS 300 Legal Analysis & Writing (3)
POLS 402 Constitutional Law (3)
POLS 408 International Law (3)

MAJOR ELECTIVES: 15 cr.

SELECT TWO:

POLS 376 Theories of Justice (3)
CRMJ 261 The Courts and Criminal Trial (3)
CRMJ 362 Criminal Investigations (3)
CRMJ 254 Juvenile Justice (3)
CRMJ 400 Transnational Crime (3)
POLS 355/356 Internship in Gov. Legal Service (3)*

SELECT TWO:

POLS 202 State and Local Govn. (3)
POLS 207 Public Policy Issues
BMGT 201 Business Law I (3)
PADM 210 Intro to Public Admin (3)
PADM 303 Public Analysis (3)
PADM 311 Special Employee Relations (3)
POLS 295/395/495 Special Topics (3) **

SELECT ONE:

SJS 101 Intro to Social Justice Studies (3)
INES 240 South African Anti Apartheid (3)
CENG 160 Women Studies **OR** CENG 170 LGBTQ Rights
OR SOCW 309 Soc. African American
OR SOCW 350 Sex and Identity Politics (3)
HIST 418 History of Money (3)

GENERAL ELECTIVES 30 cr.

Recommended in COMM, CRMJ, HIST, PHIL, SJS, POLS

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

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

1. Examine how the politics of race, class, gender, or nationality have shaped legal institutions and outcomes, and how legal institutions affect diverse populations.
2. Analyze the policy-making process, the roles of law in society, including how law shapes--and is shaped by--social, economic, cultural, and political life.
3. Appraise how international, national, state, and local laws and procedures apply to a variety of political and social issues or legal disputes.
4. Analyze the relationships among case facts, statutory law, case law, and constitutional principles involved in specific legal disputes.
5. Develop original work (written and/or oral) using the methods and arguments specific to the discipline.