

# LEGAL STUDIES (CONCENTRATION)

## Legal Studies Concentration Requirements

Complete a minimum of six courses:

- LS 101 - Introduction to Legal Studies(preferably taken in the first or second year)

**Five additional courses from an approved list** (available each semester from the Director of Legal Studies):

- No more than two courses may come from the same department or program
- At least three courses must be at the 200 level or above

**At least one course** on theories or philosophies of what law as a concept means, what social purpose it serves, to what spheres of life it ought to extend, and how it ought to function in society. These courses encourage students to examine law as an abstract ideal. Examples of courses that fulfill this distribution might include:

Code	Title
COMM 324	The Rhetoric of Citizenship
ECON 201	Economic Justice
PHIL 121	Ethics: Philosophical Considerations of Morality
PHIL 126	Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 250	Philosophy of Law
PHIL 272	Ethics of Data and Information
PHIL 285	Biomedical Ethics
PHIL 326	Theories of Justice
PPA 132	Introduction to Theorizing About Political Life: Normative Issues Common to Democratic Systems
REL 102	Ethics, Society and the Moral Self

**At least one course** on lived realities of the law in the United States. Those courses examine how the law works or has played out in reality and might focus on case law, case studies, legal ethnography, policy analysis, institutional law/policy, or similar content. Examples might include, among others:

Code	Title
COMM 328	Communication Law
EDUC 215	Legal Issues in U.S. Education
DA/PHIL 272	Ethics of Data and Information
HIST 194	Citizenship & Belonging in U.S. History
HIST 290	Advanced Studies in Modern United States History (Drugs in Modern America only)
HIST 392/BLST 332	The Fourteenth Amendment and the Meanings of Equality

PPA 319	Topics in the Study of American Politics (U.S. Constitution & Judicial Politics only)
PPA 375	Race and Law in US Politics
PSYC 306	300-level Special Topics courses (Psychology and the Law only)
SES 262/PPA 319	Environmental Dispute Resolution

**At least one course** on international law or a legal system other than common law. Students gain an important understanding of laws and legal systems that emerge differently in different times and places. These courses consider international law or systems other than the common law. Examples of courses that fulfill the international/comparative requirement might include, among others:

Code	Title
AGRS 340	Ancient Athenian Law and Democracy
AGRS 341	Roman Law: Delict/Torts
AGRS 342	Roman Law: Family Law
ANTH 321	Anthropology of Human Rights
HIST 205	Sophomore Seminar in History (Refugee & Humanitarian History only)
HIST 357	Violence in Early Modern Europe
HIST 358	Witches, Saint & Skeptics
PPA 345	Human Rights in Global Perspectives
PPA 349	Terrorism and Political Violence
PPA 359	Topics in the Study of International Policies (International Law only)
REL 302	Ethics of Peace and War
REL 327	Women and Social Ethics: In the Global Context
WGST 276	Gender, War and Conflict