

MAJOR IN LAW & AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

Requirements

Majors must complete 54 units. The program is divided into four parts, and writing skills are emphasized throughout.

- First, students must complete two introductory courses, one each in political science and economics, which acquaint students with the nature of law and its role in American society.
- Second, students will take four required courses: one at the lower-division, two at the upper-division level and an advanced writing course. These courses further situate students in American culture, politics, judicial policymaking and logical thinking.
- Third, students will have several options in choosing electives, which will be offered by several departments: Accounting, Mass Communication and Communication Studies, English, History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Political Science.
- Fourth and finally, students will undertake a 6-unit capstone experience of their choice and, if possible, design. Advanced students may wish to undertake a project in the workplace and then write an evaluative essay on that experience as it fits into the overall program. Other students will participate in a senior seminar, in which they will write a research paper on some aspect of the law or develop a thesis supervised by the program director. Finally, qualified students may choose to write an honors thesis.

Code	Title	Units
Introductory Courses		
ECON 201	MICROECONOMIC PRINCIPLES	3
POSC 209	INTRODUCTION TO LAW	3
Required Courses		
ENGL 310	WRITING ARGUMENT	3
COMM 331	ADVOCACY & ARGUMENT	3
PHIL 111	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC	3
POSC 384	JUDICIAL SYSTEM	3
Electives		
Select two courses in each of the following topics (students will need to fulfill each department's individual prerequisites before taking these courses):		
Accounting, Communication Studies or Mass Communication		6
Select two of the following:		
ACCT 201	PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	
LEGL 225	LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS	
LEGL 226	BUSINESS LAW	
COMM 304	PERSUASION	
English		6
Select any two English literature courses at the 300- or 400-level ²		
History		6
Select any two History courses at the 300 or 400 level with a specific geographical focus on American and U.S. History. Courses currently approved are:		
HIST 331	AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY: 1865 - 1950	

HIST 332	AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY SINCE 1950	
HIST 345	THE AMERICAN COLONIES 1492-1763	
HIST 346	THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD 1763-1800	
HIST 349	THE CIVIL WAR	
HIST 359	THE FDR ERA	
HIST 360	RECENT AMERICAN HISTORY: 1945-1975	
HIST 361	UNITED STATES LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER HISTORIES	
HIST 370	DIPLOMATIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1900	
HIST 374	THE AMERICAN WEST	
HIST 375	THE CITY IN AMERICAN HISTORY	
HIST 378	IMMIGRANTS & IMMIGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES	
HIST 379	NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY FROM 1500 TO 1900	
HIST 380	NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1900	
HIST 381	AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY TO THE MID-19TH CENTURY	
HIST 382	AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY FROM THE MID-19TH CENTURY	
HIST 385	WORKERS AND WORK IN THE UNITED STATES	
Philosophy		6
PHIL 204	RACE, CLASS AND GENDER	
Select one additional 300- or 400-level Philosophy course or any two 300- or 400-level Philosophy courses		
Political Science		6
Select any two 300- or 400-level Political Science courses with a specific geographical focus on American politics and government. Courses currently approved are:		
POSC 304	POLITICS OF METROPOLITAN GROWTH AND CHANGE	
POSC 305	URBAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
POSC 343	AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICS	
POSC 375	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	
POSC 381	THE PRESIDENCY	
POSC 383	CONGRESS	
POSC 417	AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES	
POSC 418	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND POLITICS	
POSC 419	CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES: THE FIRST AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS	
POSC 420	CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS: PERSONAL LIBERTY AND THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED.	
POSC 421	POLITICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY	
POSC 422	THE SUPREME COURT	
POSC 425	LEGAL THEORY	
POSC 427	POLITICAL THEORY I	
POSC 428	POLITICAL THEORY II	
POSC 430	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
POSC 447	INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATION	

POSC 450	INTEREST GROUPS AND PUBLIC POLICY
POSC 479	SPEC TOPICS POSC
Seminar and/or Capstone Experience	
Select one of the four options:	
Option I	
LWAC 491	THESIS IN LAW AND AMERICAN CIVILIZATION
Select one of the following:	
POSC 481	SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
POSC 484	SEMINAR IN LAW AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM
POSC 485	SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY
POSC 486	SEMINAR IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Option II	
LWAC 497	PRACTICUM IN LAW AND AMERICAN CIVILIZATION
LWAC 491	THESIS IN LAW AND AMERICAN CIVILIZATION
Option III	
LWAC 497	PRACTICUM IN LAW AND AMERICAN CIVILIZATION
Select one of the following:	
POSC 481	SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
POSC 484	SEMINAR IN LAW AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM
POSC 485	SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY
POSC 486	SEMINAR IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Option IV	
LWAC 498	DIRECTED READINGS IN LWAC
LWAC 499	HONORS THESIS IN LWAC

¹ Strongly recommended are ENGL 221 and ENGL 222 as prerequisites. These two courses will not fulfill the English requirement.

Four-Year Plan of Study

Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

Freshman

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
PHIL 111 (Core 5)	3 ECON 201 (Core 6)	3
POSC 103 (Recommended Core 11)	3 ENGL 221 (Suggested) ¹	3
Core 1 (or Core 2)	3 POSC 209	3
Core 7	4 Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
Elective	3 Core 3	3
	16	15

Sophomore

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
COMM 131 (Suggested) ²	3 ACCT / COMM / MCOM Approved Course	3
ENGL 222 (Suggested) ¹	3 PHIL 204	3
HIST 145 (Suggested) ²	3 POSC 384	3
Core 8	4 Core 4	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	16	15

Junior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
COMM 331	3 ACCT / COMM / MCOM Approved Course	3
ENGL 310 (Core 9)	3 Upper-Level ENGL Course	3
Upper-Level HIST Course	3 Upper-Level PHIL Course	3
Upper-Level PHIL Course	3 Upper-Level POSC Course	3
Core 10	3 Core 12	3
	15	15

Senior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
Seminar and/or Capstone Experience	3 Seminar and/or Capstone Experience	3
Upper-Level ENGL Course	3 Upper-Level POSC Course	3
Upper-Level HIST Course	3 Core 14	3
Core 13	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	1
	15	13

Total Units 120

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² Recommended by course's department to be taken before upper-level courses.

Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the history and development of the law.
2. Researching legal issues.
3. Presenting research coherently.
4. Reading, understanding and mastering complex materials.