

Department of Political Science

24 units required

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The Legal Studies program is open to students of any major who are interested in studying the development, logic, interpretation, perception, and application of law. As part of the program, you will take law-related courses from different departments throughout the university. Upon graduating, you will be awarded a "Legal Studies Certificate" in addition to whatever other degree you earn. A Legal Studies Certificate will demonstrate that you have an in-depth knowledge of the legal system. It will also show that you understand law from a variety of different perspectives. This could provide a valuable background for a variety of future pursuits, including: graduate school, social work, community and government service, law school, law enforcement, and many others. To earn the certificate, you must complete 24 units within the following guidelines:

- You *must* include courses from at least 3 different departments,
- You *may* double count these courses toward major, minor, general education or other academic requirements, BUT
- You *may not* use more than 4 courses (12 units) from your major to count toward the Certificate.

**I. FOUNDATION COURSE (1 course = 3 units)**

SELECT AND COMPLETE **ONE** COURSE FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

| TERM  | GRADE |  | TERM  | GRADE |                                      |
|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | CRJU 350: Constitutional Criminal Procedure            | _____ | _____ | PHIL 352: Philosophy of Law          |
| _____ | _____ | HIST 308: Law and Civilization                         | _____ | _____ | POSC 311: Constitutional Law: Powers |
| _____ | _____ | HIST 479: US Constitution: Origins & Early Development | _____ | _____ | POSC 312: Constitutional Law: Rights |

**II. BREADTH COURSES (7 courses = 21 units)**

SELECT AND COMPLETE **SEVEN** OTHER COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

| TERM  | GRADE |   | TERM  | GRADE |  |
|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|--|
| _____ | _____ | ASAM 346: Asian Americans and the Law                           | _____ | _____ | JOUR 430: Communication Law and Policy                                     |
| _____ | _____ | AFRS 332: Civil Rights and the Law                              | _____ | _____ | PHIL 352: Philosophy of Law  |
| _____ | _____ | AIS 485: American Indians and the Law                           | _____ | _____ | PHIL 451: Liberty and Justice: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in American Law |
| _____ | _____ | BLAW 220: Introduction to Law and Business Transactions         | _____ | _____ | POSC 311: Constitutional Law: Power  |
| _____ | _____ | BLAW 320: Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business          | _____ | _____ | POSC 312: Constitutional Law: Rights                                       |
| _____ | _____ | CHLS 362: Latinas/os, Law, and Public Policy                    | _____ | _____ | POSC 376: International Law  |
| _____ | _____ | CLSC 410: Law and Literature in the Classical World             | _____ | _____ | POSC 412: Law and Social Change  |
| _____ | _____ | COMM 441: Issues in Freedom of Communication                    | _____ | _____ | POSC 414: Jurisprudence  |
| _____ | _____ | CRJU 301: Criminal Courts and Judicial Processes                | _____ | _____ | PSYC 495: Psychology and the Law   |
| _____ | _____ | CRJU 340: Substantive Criminal Law                              | _____ | _____ | SOC 342: Critical Criminology  |
| _____ | _____ | CRJU 350: Constitutional Criminal Procedure                     | _____ | _____ | SW 350: Law, Court Decisions, and Policy Practice                          |
| _____ | _____ | CRJU 420: Legal Aspects of Corrections                          | _____ | _____ | WGSS 308: Women and the Law  |
| _____ | _____ | CRJU 430: Criminal Evidence and Trials                          |       |       |  |
| _____ | _____ | ECON 355: Law and Economics                                     |       |       |  |
| _____ | _____ | HIST 308: Law and Civilization                                  |       |       |  |
| _____ | _____ | HIST 479: U.S. Constitution: Origins & Early Development        |       |       |  |
| _____ | _____ | HIST 489: Selected Topics in Legal History of the United States |       |       |  |

**III. OPTIONAL PROJECT PAPER (1 course = 3 units, in place of 1 breadth course)**

In place of one of your breadth courses, you may choose to write a project paper, consisting of original or secondary research related to law or the legal system broadly speaking. The paper may only be written during your senior year as part of a 3-unit independent study or directed research course supervised by a faculty member participating in the program. At the beginning of the semester in which the paper is written, you must submit a copy of the independent study or directed research agreement, signed by the supervising professor, to the Legal Studies program director. At the end of the semester in which the paper is written, you must submit a copy of the completed paper to the program director.

Name of Supervising Professor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Term Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:**

This checklist is not intended to replace official advising. Consult with the legal studies advisor for course selection and sequencing, and other questions. Please use this checklist in combination with your official MyCSULB Academic Requirements Report. For additional course information and requirements, please see: [http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/cla/legal\\_studies/colact03.html](http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/cla/legal_studies/colact03.html)