The Legal Studies Major

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Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree: **120 units**

General Education requirements: **48 units.** See “General Education Requirements” in the University Catalog and the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings. The course requirements marked below with an asterisk (*) may also be applied toward General Education.

Cultural Diversity Course Requirements: **6 units.** See “Cultural Diversity” in the University Catalog. Most Courses used to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education.

United States History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirements: **6 units.** See “United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals Requirements” in the University Catalog. Courses used to satisfy this requirement do not apply to General Education.

Literacy Requirements: **6 units.** See “Mathematics and Writing Requirements” in the University Catalog. Writing Proficiency in the major is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of a course in your major which has been designated as the Writing Proficiency (WP) course for the semester in which you take the course. Students who earn below a “C-“ are required to repeat the course and earn a “C-“ or better to receive Writing Proficiency credit. (See “The Class Schedule” for the designated Writing Proficiency courses for each semester. You must pass ENGL 341, Reading Literature formerly ENGL 101 (or its equivalent) with a “C-“or better before you may register for a WP course.

**Course Requirements for the Major (49 units)**
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

**Twelve Courses Required:** **34 Units**
- POLS 112 Law, Politics, & Distribution of Justice
- POLS 331 Introduction to Political Inquiry
- POLS 331X Techniques in Political Science Research
- POLS 341 International Relations
- POLS 351 Introduction to Legal Studies
- POLS 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- POLS 454 Legal Research and Writing
- POLS 455 Legal Para-Professional
- POLS 459 Senior Seminar in Legal Studies
- POLS 489K Internship in Legal Studies
- POLS 489L Internship in Public Law
- POLS 491G Trial and Appellate Advocacy

**One Political Theory Course Selected From:** **3 Units**
- POLS 431 American Political Thought
- POLS 434 Origins of Western Political Thought
- POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought
- POLS 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law
Four Elective Courses Selected From:  12 Units
POLS 258  Introduction to Criminal Law
POLS 365Z  Justice System Administration
POLS 401I  Sexual Minorities, Law, & Politics
POLS 450  Criminal Procedure (prerequisite POLS 250)
POLS 451A  Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
POLS 452  Alternative Dispute Resolution
POLS 453  Legal Analysis
POLS 461  Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 464  Administrative Law
POLS 468  Planning Law
POLS 481  Law and Disadvantaged Persons
POLS 495  CLIC Directorship (3 units max count toward option)
BLAW 413  Employment Law
BLAW 414  Labor Law and Collective Bargaining
EDAD 614  Law and Education
FINA 453  Estate Planning (prerequisite FINA 307)
HCSV 332  Laws, Ethics, and Regulations in Health Services
JOUR 320  Mass Communication Law (prerequisites JOUR 101 & JOUR 260)
RECR 428  Recreation Law and Legal Principles

Electives Requirement:
To complete the total units required for the bachelor’s degree, select additional elective courses from the total university offerings. You should consult with an adviser regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your university experience and apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Grading Requirement:
All courses taken to fulfill major course requirements must be taken for a letter grade, except those courses specified by the department as Credit/No Credit grading only.

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Paralegal Certificate (27 units)

The Paralegal Certificate is not granted automatically. Students must make application through the Department of Political Science early in their final semester in the program. A 2.5 grade point average in all courses for the certificate is required.

Only 1 elective course that has been completed for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Option in Legal Studies may also be counted towards the elective requirements of the Paralegal Certificate.

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required for all candidates for this certificate.

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Or other law-related courses selected with prior permission of the Legal Studies Coordinator.

Certain courses require either a prerequisite or faculty permission. Please check with the Legal Studies Coordinator for specific registration requirements.