

Student Success Map

BA in Political Science—Legal Studies Option Department of Political Science

Essentials for Every Semester

- Meet with your major advisor and consult **Advisors** in SSC 220 as needed for course selection strategies. Take courses in the proper sequence.
- Meet deadlines to **register**, pay **fees**, and **apply** for financial aid.
- Check your **DPR**. Are you on-track to meet requirements?
- Complete a sufficient number of units each term (15–16 units) to graduate in four years. Some programs require more.
- Check your **Student Center** prior to registration for registration holds and updating your personal info.
- Check your **Student Center** in the first two weeks of classes to confirm your class schedule and that all adds and drops have been processed as you expected.
- Check your **Student Center** after each semester for your grades and academic standing. If your GPA drops below a 2.0, consult an **Advisor**.

FRESHMAN

SOPHOMORE

JUNIOR

SENIOR

Graduation and Beyond

Get Good Advice

Learn where to find and how to use campus resources such as the **Student Learning Center**, **Health Center**, **Academic Advising**, and **Wellness Center**.

Visit each of your instructors during their office hours. Make a point to get to know your professors and meet with your **Legal Studies Advisor** at least once a semester.

Confirm that you are officially declared as a **Legal Studies major**. See the **Legal Studies advisor** to get enrolled in the paralegal certificate program.



Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.

Submit paralegal certificate application to **Legal Studies advisor**.

Take the Right Classes

Obtain your Major Academic Plan (**MAP**). It will enable you and your advisor to plan for each semester.

If you need preparatory math and/or English courses, complete them in your first year.

Take Legal Studies 300-level courses if schedule permits.

Take Legal Studies 300-level courses if you haven't already. Take POLS 451B, POLS 454, and your political theory course.

Take POLS 455, POLS 459, and moot court course.

Apply What You Learn



Join the Pre-Law Society or the Women in Law **student organizations**.

Read the **Book in Common (BIC)** and participate in BIC activities.

Complete your **GE Foundation courses**. Explore **GE Pathways**. Consider completing an **interdisciplinary minor** within your GE. Consult an **advisor** for help.

Select a minor and start its courses.

Continue applying what you've learned in an internship at **CLIC**.

Connect with Peers

Select courses in GE that meet the **diversity requirements** (US Diversity and Global cultures).

Get to know International Students in your classroom.



Consider running for a leadership position in a **student organization**.

Start your **internships** at the Community Legal Information Center (**CLIC**).



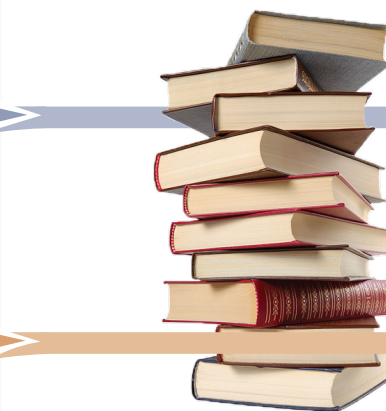
Consider applying for membership in **Pi Sigma Alpha**, the national political science honor society.

Think Globally

Consider a time management workshop in the **Student Learning Center**.

Use the **Career Center** to assess your interests, skills, and work values.

Explore **Study Abroad** opportunities. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester. Or consider **National Student Exchange**.



Start visiting potential law schools.

Take the **LSAT** and apply to law schools.

Prepare for Life After Graduation

Meet alumni for insights on legal careers.



Visit the **Career Center** to learn about career opportunities and resume building. Attend a **career fair** on campus, regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters.

Private Sector

- Solo Legal Practice
- Law Firms

Government

- State, Local, and Federal
- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Judge

Non-Profits

- Legal Services

Other Careers

- Legal Publishing
- Business
- Politics



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