**BA in Political Science—Legal Studies Option**

**Department of Political Science**

**Student Success Map**

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

**Sophomore**
- Confirm that you are officially declared as a Legal Studies major. See the Legal Studies advisor to get enrolled in the paralegal certificate program.
- Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Take Legal Studies 300-level courses if schedule permits.

**Junior**
- Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.
- Take Legal Studies 300-level courses if you haven’t already. Take POLS 451B, POLS 454, and your political theory course.
- Select a minor and start its courses.

**Senior**
- Submit paralegal certificate application to Legal Studies advisor.
- Take POLS 455, POLS 459, and moot court course.
- Consider applying for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

**Get Good Advice**
- 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 (35–46 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.

**Take the Right Classes**
- Right Classes
- Apply What You Learn
- Connect with Peers
- Think Globally
- Prepare for Life After Graduation

**Graduation and Beyond**

**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