Legal Studies Program
Undergraduate Major

The Legal Studies Program is an undergraduate major in the College of Letters and Sciences. The program's mission is to provide a liberal education across traditional disciplines, focusing on the theory and operation of law and legal institutions. The courses in the Legal Studies major expose students to the many facets of law as a social phenomenon - its evolution, function, motivating ideas and effects. The major is not intended as preparation for law school because the emphasis is on exploring broadly defined questions about law from a variety of perspectives, rather than on training for the profession. The Legal Studies major is, however, suitable for pre-law students.

Prerequisites and Declaration of the Major
To declare the legal studies major, students must complete three prerequisite courses with grades of C or better. The three prerequisite courses consist of: a Communication A course; a Quantitative Reasoning A course; and one Gateway Course (either Legal Studies/Sociology 131 Criminal Justice in America or Legal Studies/Political Science 217 Law, Politics and Society).

Students wishing to declare the major should schedule an appointment with the legal studies advisor or visit walk-in hours. To schedule an appointment visit the Legal Studies Program website (www.ssc.wisc.edu/clsj/lsphome), click on Advising Hours & Appointments.

Requirements for the Major
In addition to the Gateway Courses, 11 courses are required to complete the legal studies major. These courses must be distributed as follows:

I. **Two (2) courses** from those listed in the Legal Institutions Theme Group.

II. **Four (4) courses** distributed across at least three of the following Theme Groups:
   - Processes of Legal Order & Disorder
   - Law & Social Forces
   - Law & Culture
   - Law & Theory

III. **Two (2) methods courses:** one research design and one basic statistics

IV. **One (1) Core Perspectives course**

V. Either a two-semester senior thesis or two (2) additional courses from the five Theme Groups

Additional Information
At least two courses in the major must have substantial content dealing with countries or cultures other than the United States. An asterisk (*) in the list of courses below designates courses meeting this requirement. These courses can count for both the non-U.S. requirement and for Theme Group requirements.

No more than four (4) courses from a single department or program will count toward the legal studies major; this restriction does not apply to courses listed in or cross listed with legal studies.

Courses may appear in more than one Theme Group and/or Core Perspective but each course will only satisfy one requirement. Courses will not be double counted.

List of Spring 2015 Course Offerings on back

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8137 Sewell Social Science Building, 1180 Observatory Drive http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/clsj/lsphome.html
Spring 2015 Courses counted toward the Legal Studies major

**Gateway Courses**
Legal St/Soc 131: Criminal Justice in America - 9:30-10:45 T/R + disc
Legal St/Poli Sci 217: Law, Politics, and Society – 4-5:15 M/W

**Methods Courses (Statistics and Research Design – take one of each)**

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<td>Political Science 200: Methods of Political Inquiry</td>
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**Theme Group 1: Legal Institutions**
General Business 301: Business Law
General Business 302: Bus Orgs and Negotiable Instruments
Legal Studies/Hist 262: American Legal History from 1860s to Present - 2:30-3:45 T/R
Legal Studies 444: Law in Action – 12:05-12:55 M/W + disc
Legal Studies/Soc 641: Sociology of Law - 9:30-10:45 T/R + disc
*Political Science 317: Politics of Human Rights - 11-12:15 T/R + disc |
Political Science 412: Constitutional Law II - 4-5:15 T/R + disc
Political Science 420: Administrative Law - 4-5:15 M/W
Political Science 426: United States Congress - 11 T + disc

**Theme Group 2: Process of Legal Order & Disorder**
Legal Studies 400 – Foundations of Field Education (restricted to CJCP summer 2015 interns) – 1:20-3 T
Legal Studies 460: Surveillance, Privacy, and Police Powers – 2:30-3:45 T/R
Legal Studies/Soc 694: Criminal Justice Field Observation (application required, restricted to CJCP interns) – 5:30-7:30 M
Political Science 452: Criminal Law and Justice – 1-2:15 T/R + disc
Psych 411, Sec 006: Psych Juvenile Delinquency (Psych 225 prereq) - 9-11:30 M
Psych 526: The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives - 11-12:15 T/R + disc
RMI 615: Liability Risk Management (RMI 300 prereq)
Sociology 441: Criminology - 4-5:15 M/W + disc

**Theme Group 3: Law & Social Forces**
Legal Studies 400: Wrongful Convictions – 11:00-12:15 T/R
Legal Studies 430: Law and Environment - 9:30-10:45 T/R
Legal Studies/Soc 641: Sociology of Law - 9:30-10:45 T/R + disc
Psych 411, Sec 004: Legal Psych: Crim & Civil Issues (Psych 225 prereq) - 2:25-4:55 M
*Political Science 317: Politics of Human Rights - 11-12:15 T/R + disc |
Political Science 601: Criminal Law and Jurisprudence – 2:30-4:30 R
Soc 220: Ethnic Mov'ts in the US (ethnic stds & Comm B) - 4-5:15 T/R + disc

**Theme Group 4: Law & Culture**
*Comp Lit 203: Law and Literature - 1-2:15 T/R (restricted to FIG enrollment)
English 432: Shakespeare and the Arts of Possession - 9:30 - 10:45 T/R
*History 201: Shanghai Life and Crime (Comm B) – 11-12:15 T/R
*Legal Studies 450: Medico-Legal History - 11-12:15 T/R
*Legal Studies 510: Legal Pluralism - 9:30-10:45 T/R

**Theme Group 5: Law & Theory**
*History 600: Law and Society in Medieval Europe - 11-12:55 T
Journalism 675: Media Law and Media Ethics - 2-3:30-4:35 M/W
Med Hist/Philos 558: Ethical Problems Raised by Biomedical Technology – 11-12:15 T + disc
Med Hist/Philosophy 565: Ethics of Modern Biotechnology - 2:30-3:45 T/R
Philosophy 341: Contemporary Moral Issues (some sections are Comm B)

**Core Perspectives**
Legal Studies/History 262: American Legal History from 1860s to Present - 2:30-3:45 T/R
Legal Studies 400: Wrongful Convictions – 11:00-12:15 T/R
*Legal Studies 450: Medico-Legal History - 11-12:15 T/R
Legal Studies 460: Surveillance, Privacy, and Police Powers – 2:30-3:45 T/R
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