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.

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Spring 2018 Courses counted toward the Legal Studies major

**Gateway Courses**
Legal St/Soc 131: Criminal Justice in America - 9:30-10:45 T/R + disc

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

**Statistics**
- Economics 310: Statistics: Measurement in Economics
- Psychology 210: Basic Stats for Psychology
- Sociology 360: Statistics for Sociologists
- Statistics 224: Intro Stats for Engineers
- Statistics 301: Introduction to Statistics (counts for Natural Sci)
- Statistics 371: Intro Applied Stats - Life Sciences (counts for Natural Sci)

**Research Design**
- Political Science 170: Methods of Political Inquiry 11-11:50 T/R + disc
- Political Science 373: Intro to Survey Research 9:55-10:45 M/W + disc
- Political Science 401: Intro to Empirical Legal Research – 9:30-10:45 T/R
- Psychology 225: Experimental Psychology (for Psych majors)
- Sociology 357: Methods of Sociological Inquiry – 11-11:50 T/R + disc

**Theme Group 1: Legal Institutions**
- Educational Leadership and Policy Studies 502: Law and Public Education (online) – enroll for 3 credits
- General Business 301: Business Law – online + disc
- Legal St/Hist 262: Amer Legal History 1860s to Pres - 1-2:15 T/R
- Political Science 311: United States Congress – 4:30-5:25 M/W + disc
- Poli Science 434: The Politics of Human Rights – 2:30-3:45 T/R + disc
- Political Science 601: The Supreme Court’s 2017 Term – 8:30-10:30 W
- *Poli Science 434: The Politics of Human Rights – 2:30-3:45 T/R + disc
- *Political Science 635: Comparative Politics of Sport – 2:30-3:45 M/W

**Theme Group 2: Process of Legal Order & Disorder**
- Legal Studies/Soc 694: Criminal Justice Field Observation (application required, restricted to CJCP interns) – 9:30-11:30 W
- Psych 526: The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives - 11-12:15 T/R + disc
- Psych 601: Psych Juvenile Delinquency (Psych 225 prereq) - 9-10:15 M/W
- Sociology 441: Criminology – 2-3:45 T/R + disc

**Theme Group 3: Law & Social Forces**
- Afro American Studies 671: Criminalizing Blackness: Race & Imprisonment in Amer – 2:25-5 R
- American Indian 450: American Indian Natural Resources Law – 11-12:15 T/R (ethnic st)
- American Indian 450: Indian Child Welfare Act – 4-7 T (ethnic st)
- Legal Studies 400: Civil Rights – 2:30-3:45 M/W
- Legal St 400/ChicLa 530/Soc 496: Ethnicity, Race & Justice – 1-2:15 T/R
- Legal St 400/ChicLa 530/Soc 496: Immigration, Crime & Enforcement – 4-5:15 T/R
- Legal St 400: Impacts of Social and Legal Issues on Health (application and placement hours required)
- Legal Studies 400: Wrongful Convictions – 2:30-3:45 T/R
- Legal Studies 430: Law and Environment – 11-12:15 T/R (Honors only)
- Psych 601: Leg Psych: Crim & Civil Iss (Psy225 prereq) - 2:25-4:55 M

**Theme Group 4: Law & Culture**
- *Comp Lit 203: Prison and the Dream of Freedom
- *History 201: Shanghai Life and Crime (Comm B) – online + disc
- *Lit Trans 236: Extreme Stories (Comm B) – 9:30-10:45 T/R
- *Comp Lit 500: Guilt – 1-2:15 T/R
- *Legal Studies 450: Law and Religion – 2:30-3:45 M/W
- *Legal Studies 510: Legal Pluralism – 9:30-10:45 T/R
- *LitTrans 324/Scand St 436: Criminal Utopias – 1-2:15pm T/R
- *Legal Studies 510: Legal Pluralism – 9:30-10:45 T/R

**Theme Group 5: Law & Theory**
- Legal Studies 450: Jurisprudence and Social Issues – 2:30-3:45 T/R
- Med Hist/Phil 558: Ethical Issues in Health Care – 11-12:15 T + disc
- Philosophy 341: Contemporary Moral Issues (some sections are Comm B)

**Core Perspectives**
- Legal St/History 262: Amer Legal History 1860s to Present – 1-2:15 T/R
- Legal St 400/ChicLa 530/Soc 496: Ethnicity, Race & Justice – 1-2:15 T/R
- Legal St 400/ChicLa 530/Soc 496: Immigration, Crime & Enforcement – 4-5:15 T/R
- Legal Studies 400: Civil Rights – 2:30-3:45 M/W
- Legal Studies 400 – Wrongful Convictions – 2:30-3:45 T/R
- *Legal Studies 510: Legal Pluralism – 9:30-10:45 T/R

*Meets requirement that at least two courses in the major must have substantial content dealing with countries or cultures other than the United States.*