LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

The Legal Studies Program (https://www.towson.edu/cbe/departments/marketing/undergrad/legalstudies) is housed in the Department of Marketing: Stephens Hall 123, 410-704-3357.

The Major in Business Administration with a Concentration in Legal Studies in the College of Business and Economics prepares its students with the knowledge and skills they need for a productive business career or successful legal study. In an increasingly complex business world and regulatory environment, business people need more than a passing acquaintance with the law and legal issues. Legal studies students study law with a grounding in business fundamentals—including accounting, marketing and management—to help them appreciate how legal issues affect business decision making. In addition, the legal studies program contributes to students’ critical thinking, communication and leadership skills development.

Legal Studies graduates will continue their legal studies in a law school program or they will seek entry-level positions in many business fields, government, or court system positions, such as:

- regulatory compliance
- fraud prevention and investigation
- risk management
- real estate
- insurance and insurance claim adjustment
- conflict management
- legislative staff at the state or federal level
- law practice management

Requirements for Admission to the Business Administration Major

Students are admitted to the major in Business Administration (BUAD) after first being admitted to Towson University. Admission to TU does not guarantee admission to the major. In order to be admitted, students must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Formal admission to TU as a degree candidate
2. Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher for all course work
3. Grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher in each course required for admission to the BUAD major
4. Minimum average GPA of 2.70 for ALL of the courses required for admission to the BUAD major:
   - ACCT 201
   - ECON 201
   - ECON 202
   - ECON 205
   - MATH 211 or MATH 273
   - LEGL 225

   No more than two courses may be repeated, of which no more than one course may be repeated twice.

Degree candidates intending to major in Business Administration are designated as “pre-Business Administration” (PBUA) until admission into the BUAD major. Students are required to meet each term with their assigned faculty adviser to evaluate their progress toward completing the requirements for admission to the major and the degree.

At the start of each term and before registration, the CBE Student Academic and Career Services office will notify PBUA students of their admission status by email to their TU email addresses. Students will not be allowed to register for upper-level “majors-only” CBE courses until being admitted to the Business Administration major.

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Courses

LEGL 225 LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS (3)
Examines the nature and sources of law, the U.S. legal system with emphasis on court jurisdiction, procedure, constitutional law, torts, criminal law, and contracts in general and as they relate to business. Students who have successfully completed BULA 225 will not receive additional credit for LEGL 225.

LEGL 226 BUSINESS LAW (3)
Law of agency, partnership, corporations, real and personal property, estates, bankruptcy, commercial paper and secured transactions. Not open to students who successfully completed BULA 226. Prerequisite: BULA 225 or LEGL 225.

LEGL 325 SPORTS LAW (3)
Review of legal background of sports and recreation, analyzing torts, contracts, anti-trust issues, constitutional and labor law. Prerequisite: BULA 225 or LEGL 225.

LEGL 326 ELDER LAW (3)
Court systems, guardianships, estates and trusts, asset planning, and Medicare/Medicaid implications. Prerequisite: junior standing.

LEGL 328 CYBER LAW: THE LAW OF THE INTERNET (3)
An introduction to the law of the Internet including security, online transactions, rights in electronic information, regulating information content and regulating online conduct. Not open to students who successfully complete EBUS 328. Prerequisite: junior major standing.

LEGL 470 SPECIAL TOPICS IN LEGAL STUDIES (3)
Course content varies with each topic. In-depth study of contemporary business issues as they affect current business law practices. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 units provided a different topic is covered. Prerequisite: junior major standing.

LEGL 471 REAL ESTATE LAW (3)
Examines the fundamentals of real estate transactions from a legal and managerial perspective. Students will learn the real property legal concepts and how they apply to real property transactions. The course will be of interest to students contemplating careers in law, accounting, real estate development, real estate finance, or banking. Topics covered will include the following: the nature of property, land acquisition, types of ownership, finance, management (leasing and landlord-tenant law); disposition of real property; title and insurance, land use regulation, taxation, environmental law and regulation, and recent developments. Prerequisite: LEGL 225.

LEGL 495 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH LEGL (1-3)
Directed research in specific areas of legal studies. A total of 6 units for any combination of directed readings, independent study and internship is allowed in the legal area of studies. Minimum of 3.00 cumulative GPA. Prerequisites: completion of all 200- and 300-level legal requirements and department consent.