MAJOR IN LAW AND AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

Majors must complete 54 units. The program is divided into four parts, and writing skills are emphasized throughout.

• First, students must complete two introductory courses, one each in political science and economics, which acquaint students with the nature of law and its role in American society.

• Second, students will take four required courses: one at the lower-division, two at the upper-division level and an advanced writing course. These courses further situate students in American culture, politics, judicial policymaking and logical thinking.

• Third, students will have several options in choosing electives, which will be offered by several departments: Accounting, Mass Communication and Communication Studies, English, History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Political Science.

• Fourth and finally, students will undertake a 6-unit capstone experience of their choice and, if possible, design. Advanced students may wish to undertake a project in the workplace and then write an evaluative essay on that experience as it fits into the overall program. Other students will participate in a senior seminar, in which they will write a research paper on some aspect of the law or develop a thesis supervised by the program director. Finally, qualified students may choose to write an honors thesis.

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Electives

Select two courses in each of the following topics (students will need to fulfill each department’s individual prerequisites before taking these courses):

- Accounting, Communication Studies or Mass Communication
  Select two of the following:
  - ACCT 201 PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING
  - LEGL 225 LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
  - LEGL 226 BUSINESS LAW
  - COMM 304 PERSUASION
  - COMM 420 COMMUNICATION LAW
  - MCOM 350 MEDIA LAW
- English
  Select any two English literature courses at the 300- or 400-level
- History
  Select any two History courses at the 300 or 400 level with a specific geographical focus on American and U.S. History. Courses currently approved are:
  - HIST 331 AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY: 1898-1945
  - HIST 332 AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY SINCE 1945
  - HIST 345 THE AMERICAN COLONIES 1492-1763
  - HIST 346 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD 1763-1800
  - HIST 347 THE EARLY NATIONAL PERIOD
  - HIST 348 JACKSONIAN ERA
  - HIST 349 THE CIVIL WAR
  - HIST 351 THE U.S. 1865-1901: AGE OF ENTERPRISE
  - HIST 352 THE U.S. 1892-1920: AGE OF REFORM
  - HIST 359 THE FDR ERA
  - HIST 360 RECENT AMERICAN HISTORY. 1945-1975
  - HIST 361 GAYS & LESBIANS IN U.S. HISTORY
  - HIST 370 DIPLOMATIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1900
  - HIST 374 THE AMERICAN WEST
  - HIST 375 THE CITY IN AMERICAN HISTORY
  - HIST 378 IMMIGRANTS & IMMIGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES
  - HIST 379 NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1900
  - HIST 380 NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1900
  - HIST 381 AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY TO THE MID-19TH CENTURY
  - HIST 382 AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY FROM THE MID-19TH CENTURY
  - HIST 385 WORKERS AND WORK IN THE UNITED STATES
  - PHIL 204 RACE, CLASS AND GENDER
  - PHIL 205 ADDITIONAL PHILOSOPHY COURSE
  - PHIL 388 ETHICAL THEORIES OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS
  - POSC 304 POLITICS OF METROPOLITAN GROWTH AND CHANGE
  - POSC 305 URBAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
  - POSC 343 AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICS
  - POSC 375 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
  - POSC 381 THE PRESIDENCY
  - POSC 383 CONGRESS
  - POSC 417 AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES
  - POSC 418 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND POLITICS
  - POSC 419 CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES: THE FIRST AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS
  - POSC 420 CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS: PERSONAL LIBERTY AND THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED.
  - POSC 421 POLITICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
  - POSC 422 THE SUPREME COURT
  - POSC 425 LEGAL THEORY
  - POSC 427 POLITICAL THEORY I
  - POSC 428 POLITICAL THEORY II
  - POSC 430 AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
  - POSC 447 INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATION
  - POSC 450 INTEREST GROUPS AND PUBLIC POLICY
  - POSC 467 POLITICS AND THE BUDGETARY PROCESS
POSC 479  SPEC TOPICS POSC

Seminar and/or Capstone Experience

Select one of the four options: 6

Option I

LWAC 491  THESIS IN LAW AND AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

Select one of the following:

POSC 481  SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
POSC 484  SEMINAR IN LAW AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM
POSC 485  SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY
POSC 486  SEMINAR IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Option II

LWAC 497  PRACTICUM IN LAW AND AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

LWAC 491  THESIS IN LAW AND AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

Option III

LWAC 497  PRACTICUM IN LAW AND AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

Select one of the following:

POSC 481  SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
POSC 484  SEMINAR IN LAW AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM
POSC 485  SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY
POSC 486  SEMINAR IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Option IV

LWAC 498  DIRECTED READINGS IN LWAC
LWAC 499  HONORS THESIS IN LWAC

1 Strongly recommended are ENGL 221 and ENGL 222 as prerequisites. These two courses will not fulfill the English requirement.

Suggested Four-Year Plan

Based on course availability and student needs and preferences, the selected sequences will probably vary from those presented below. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices.

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2 Recommended by course's department to be taken before upper-level courses.

1. Understand the history and development of the law.
2. Researching legal issues.
3. Presenting research coherently.
4. Reading, understanding and mastering complex materials.