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** 6

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** 6

Select any two English literature courses at the 300- or 400-level 2

**History** 6

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 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 383 THE SUPREME COURT
- HIST 385 WORKERS AND WORK IN THE UNITED STATES
- HIST 386 AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY: 1763-1865
- HIST 387 THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION
- HIST 388 THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND THE NEW DEAL
- HIST 389 THE KOREAN WAR
- HIST 390 THE VIETNAM WAR

**Philosophy** 6

Select one additional 300- or 400-level Philosophy course or any two 300- or 400-level Philosophy courses

**Political Science** 6

Select any two 300- or 400-level Political Science courses with a specific geographical focus on American politics and government. Courses currently approved are:

- POSC 304 POLITICS OF METROPOLITAN GROWTH AND CHANGE
- POSC 305 URBAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
- POSC 343 AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY
- POSC 375 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
- POSC 381 THE PRESIDENCY
- POSC 382 URBAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
- 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 423 LEGAL THEORY
- POSC 424 POLITICAL THEORY I
- POSC 425 POLITICAL THEORY II
**POS 430**  AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
**POS 447**  INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATION
**POS 450**  INTEREST GROUPS AND PUBLIC POLICY
**POS 467**  POLITICS AND THE BUDGETARY PROCESS
**POS 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:
**POS 481**  SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
**POS 484**  SEMINAR IN LAW AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM
**POS 485**  SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY
**POS 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:
**POS 481**  SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
**POS 484**  SEMINAR IN LAW AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM
**POS 485**  SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY
**POS 486**  SEMINAR IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Option IV**
**LWAC 498**  DIRECTED READINGS IN LWAC
**LWAC 499**  HONORS THESIS IN LWAC

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

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.