Legal Studies Minor

The Legal Studies Minor aims to provide students with a broad conceptual framework for understanding the institutions and practices of the law in society. It is not designed to be a “Pre-Law” program that provides legal or paralegal training as found in law schools or paralegal institutes. Instead, the Legal Studies minor encourages critical analysis of the place of our legal system among our civil institutions. The Legal Studies minor gives students a chance to explore major legal issues from a multidisciplinary perspective, drawing on courses offered in political science, history, criminal justice, digital forensics, business, psychology, and religious studies/philosophy.

Courses taken in the program may be used to satisfy major, minor, other credential or general education requirements. **No more than 9 credits may be in the candidate’s major. No more than 9 credits may be in a candidate’s second minor.**

Course Requirements:

Students must take three Core Courses, one course from Group I, and two courses from Group II. **Note:** Students who plan a career in the law are especially encouraged to take PHIL 109 and/or PHIL 128.

**Core Courses: Institutions of the Law (9 credits):**
PSCI 113 American Political Process
PSCI 130 The Rule of Law
PSCI 214 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties **OR** PSCI 215 Con. Law: Federalism

**Group I: Ethics and Theories of Justice (choose 1 course for 3 cr.)**
CRJU 325 Restorative Justice
PHIL 109 Philosophical Thinking
PHIL 124 Introduction to American Philosophy
PHIL 222 Intro to Philosophy and Ethics
RLST 216 Fundamental Moral Theology
RLST 217 Contemporary Moral Issues
RLST 218 Biomedical Moral Issues
RLST 240 Introduction to Social Justice

**Group II: Law, Legal Thinking and Society (choose 2 courses for 6 cr.)**
May take any one Business Law course
- BUSN 120 Law and the Business Enterprise
- PSCI 117 Principles of Business Law
May take any one course featuring International Law
- PSCI 140 Introduction to World Politics
- PSCI 242 International Organizations
HIST 322 Genocide in the Modern World
HIST 281 Memory and the Constitution

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Group II coursework (cont.)

CMDF 105  Digital Forensics I (suggested pre-req CMTC 190)
CMDF 220  Legal Issues/Digital Forensics I  (pre-req CMTC 190)
CMDF 240  Legal Issues/Digital Forensics II  (pre-req CMDF 220)
COMM 350  Communication Law
CRJU 210  Gender and the Law (cross-listed with SOC 210)
CRJU 220  Juvenile Justice
CRJU 223  Criminal Law
CRJU 225  Criminal Procedure
CRJU 321  Criminology
IDHP 344/345  Art and Justice in Childhood Past and Present  (note: counts for one course option only)
PHIL 128  Introduction to Symbolic Logic
PSCI 214  Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties (if not taken as a Core Course)
PSCI 215  Constitutional Law: Federalism (if not taken as a Core Course)
PSYC 235  Forensic Psychology (pre-req: PSYC 101)
SPMA 320  Sports Law