Minor in Legal Studies
Semester Checksheet

Student: ________________________________    UID: ________________________________
Advisor: ________________________________  Major: ________________________________

Legal Studies Minor Program
Legal Studies is an interdisciplinary academic program about law, rather than vocation training in law. The minor explores law as a topic of intellectual inquiry. It emphasizes critical engagement with the social, cultural, philosophical, historic, economic, and psychological forces that structure and affect law in human society.

The minor also provides students with the skills essential for success in law school and beyond. It teaches students to understand important legal issues and critically analyze legal source material, such as court decisions and statutes. The minor is an important complement to any university major.

Admissions Requirements
Students must have a declared major and must have completed ENG 1100, 1130, or 1140 with a grade of C or better and at least two other courses in the WSU Core while maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or above.

Learning Outcomes
- understand fundamental structure and process in the US legal system;
- identify important legal concepts in areas of substantive law;
- form sound views about law-related controversies and issues;
- prepare students for continued legal study in graduate school or professional school

Program Completion Requirements

2.0 or better GPA
24 credit hours
At least 15 hours in Upper Level
All courses grades, no P/U
I. LEGAL SYSTEM (choose one course)
___ PLS 3400 Law and Society
___ PLS 4150 Law, Lawyers & System
___ PLS 4420 Criminal Justice System* (can only be counted one time toward Minor)

I. SPECIALIZED SKILL OR PERSPECTIVE (choose one course)
___ COM 3330 Persuasion and Rhetorical Theory
___ COM 3700 Dispute Resolution
___ EC 4200 Law and Economics
___ FIN 4160 Retirement Planning
___ FIN 4260 Estate Planning
___ PHL 2150 Inductive Logic
___ PHL 3150 Philosophy of Language and Logic

III. ETHICS & RIGHTS (choose one course)
___ LE 1070 Criminal Justice Ethics
___ MGT 3110 Business Ethics and Leadership Development
___ PHL 3110 Ethics
___ PHL 3120 History of Ethics
___ PHL 3780 Bioethics
___ PHL 4110 Ethics Seminar
___ PLS 3750 Human Rights in USA
___ PLS 4010 Development and Construction of American Civil Liberty
___ PLS 4040 Civil Rights Struggles
___ PLS 4180 Politics and Ethics
___ PLS 4480 Gender Violence in American Politics
___ URS 3300 Ethics in Public Service

IV. CRIME AND DEVIANCE (choose one course)
___ LE 1010 Criminal Law for Law Enforcement
___ LE 1020 Introduction to Legal Procedures
___ LE 1030 Introduction to Criminal Evidence and Procedure
___ LE 1040 Procedures in Crime Investigation
___ PLS 3410 Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation
___ PLS 3440 Police Procedure & Operations
___ PLS 4310 Cyber Crime
___ PLS 4420 Criminal Justice System* (can only be counted one time toward Minor)
___ PLS 4550 Advanced Criminal Investigation
___ SOC 3210 Sociology of Deviance
___ SOC 3220 Juvenile Delinquency
___ SOC 3700 Criminology
___ SOC 3710 Comparative Criminal Justice
___ SOC 3720 Policing in Society
___ SOC 3740 Penology

V. LAW (choose three courses)
___ ACC 3430 Federal Income Tax I
___ COM 4620 Mass Media: Law and Regulation
___ FIN 4140 Real Estate Law
___ LAW 3000 Legal Environment of Business
___ LAW 4300 Legal Aspects of the Workplace
___ PLS 3420 Civil Liberties I: First Amendment
___ PLS 3430 Civil Liberties II: Due Process
___ PLS 4160 Sex and the Law
___ PLS 4360 Criminal Law
___ PLS 4370 Criminal Procedure
___ PLS 4380 Environmental Law and Policy
___ PLS 4390 Bioethics and Law
___ PLS 4400 Constitutional Law
___ PLS 4410 Natural Resources Law
___ PLS 4710 International Law
___ URS 4430 Administrative Law

VI. Electives (choose one additional course from one of the following areas)
___ Area II (Specialized Skill or Perspective)
___ Area IV (Crime and Deviance)
___ Area V (Law)