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)
___SOC 3730 Sociology of Courts, Law & Justice
___URS 4280 Criminal Justice Organization & Management

II. 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
___PLS 4090 Supreme Court and Legal Judging
___PLS 4170 Appellate Politics and Moot Court
___PLS 4210 American Constitutional Politics
___PLS 4260 Supreme Court in American Politics
___PLS 4821 Pre-Law Internship
___PLS 4860 Model UN Seminar
___PSY 4530 Psychology and the Law Capstone

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 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
___PLS 4030 Ethics in Public Service
___PLS 3750 Human Rights in USA

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 4450 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)