



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

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*)
- 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
- PHL 4140 Philosophy of Law
- 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 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)