

## Minor in Legal Studies Semester Checksheet

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

UID: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions for Declaring a Minor in Legal Studies

Log into **WINGS EXPRESS**:

Click on the **Student and Financial Aid** link

Click on the **Registration/Records** link

Choose **Change Major/Minor** request form

Fill in the request form and **Submit** online

Once the Department of Political Science receives the notice that you have been accepted into the Minor, you will be notified in writing and assigned an academic advisor. Upon application for graduation, the department will certify completion of all requirements for the minor and the certification will be reflected on the student's final transcript. Please see your advisor to review your minor degree requirements.

### Program Requirements

2.0 GPA \_\_\_\_\_

24 Credit Hours in Program \_\_\_\_\_

At least 15 hours in Upper Division \_\_\_\_\_

All courses graded, no P/U \_\_\_\_\_

### Program Prerequisites

Must have a **declared major** \_\_\_\_\_

**College of Liberal Arts Requirements:** (ENG 1100, 1130, or 1140 with a grade of C or better and at least two other courses in the WSU Core taught in the College while maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or above. \_\_\_\_\_

**I. LEGAL SYSTEM (1 CLASS)**

_____	PLS 3400	Law and Society
_____	PLS 4150	Law, Lawyers & System
_____	PLS 4420	Criminal Justice System* ( <i>can only be counted one time toward Minor</i> )
_____	SOC 3730	Sociology of Courts, Law & Justice

**II. ARGUMENTATION LOGIC & PERSUASION (1 CLASS)**

_____	ENG 2100	Research Writing & Argument
_____	ENG 2110	Research Writing & Argument: Ed
_____	ENG 2120	Research Writing & Argument: HS
_____	ENG 2130	Research Writing & Argument: Sci
_____	COM 3330	Persuasion & Rhetorical Theory
_____	COM 3700	Dispute Resolution
_____	PHL 2150	Inductive Logic
_____	PHL 3150	Philosophy of Language & Logic

**III. THEORY, HISTORY & ETHICS (2 CLASSES)**

_____	PHL 3110	Ethics
_____	PHL 3120	History of Ethics
_____	PHL 3780	Bioethics
_____	PHL 4110	Ethics Seminar
_____	PHL 4140	Philosophy of Law
_____	PLS 4010	Dev. & Construct. Am. Civil Liberty
_____	PLS 4090	Theory & Dev. Of Legal Judging
_____	PLS 4180	Politics and Ethics
_____	PLS 4210	American Constitutional Development
_____	PLS 4260	Supreme Court in Am. Politics
_____	MGT 3110	Business Ethics & Leadership Development
_____	URS 3300	Ethics in Public Service

**IV. CRIME AND DEVIANCE (1 CLASS)**

_____	LE 1040	Procedures in Crime Investigation
_____	PLS 3410	Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation
_____	PLS 4420	Criminal Justice System ( <i>can only be counted 1 time toward Minor</i> )
_____	SOC 3210	Sociology of Deviance
_____	SOC 3230	Juvenile Delinquency
_____	SOC 3700	Criminology
_____	SOC 3710	Comparative Criminal Justice
_____	SOC 3720	Policing in Society
_____	SOC 3740	Penology

**V. LAW (3 CLASSES)**

_____	COM 4620	Mass Media: Law and Regulation
_____	FIN 4140	Real Estate Law
_____	FIN 4160	Retirement Planning
_____	FIN 4260	Estate Planning
_____	LAW 3000	Legal Environment of Business
_____	LAW 4300	Legal Aspects of the Workplace
_____	LE 1010	Criminal Law for Law Enforcement
_____	LE 1020	Introduction to Legal Procedures
_____	LE 1030	Introduction to Criminal Evidence & Procedure
_____	PLS 3420	Civil Liberties I: First Amendment
_____	PLS 3430	Civil Liberties II: Due Process
_____	PLS 4160	Sex and The Law
_____	PLS 4170	Appellate Politics and Moot Court
_____	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

## **Legal Studies Minor Program**

Legal Studies is an interdisciplinary academic program about law, rather than vocation training in law. Recognizing the critical role that law plays in human society, it examines the ways people in different cultures and historical periods have used the law and understood its purposes. The curriculum consists of 24 credit hours. The Legal Studies minor offers students the opportunity to explore law as a topic of intellectual inquiry. Heavily steeped in the liberal arts tradition, this minor emphasizes critical engagement with the wide array of forces (e.g., social, cultural, philosophical, historical, economic, and psychological), that give shape to the formation, implementation, and effect of law in human society.

### **Admissions Requirements**

Admission to the Legal Studies minor requires students to have a declared major. Additionally, admission to the minor will reflect the admission requirements for the College of Liberal Arts. Specifically, to be admitted into the minor, students 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 taught by the College while maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or above.

### **Program Quality and Requirements**

The Legal Studies minor requires 24 credit hours of course work, of which at least 15 must be at the upper-level. Courses are taken from five core areas: (1) Legal Systems, (2) Argumentation, Logic and Persuasion, (3) Theory, History, and Ethics, (4) Crime and Deviance, and (5) Law. Three courses are required from Area 5 (Law), two from Area 3 (Theory, History, and Ethics), and one from each of the remaining three areas. All courses are graded, not P/U. A list of core areas and courses follows.

### **Student Performance**

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission to the Legal Studies minor program. However, in addition, a student must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA to earn the credential.

