

Law and Legal Studies

LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES MINOR AT A GLANCE

The minor in Law and Legal Studies offers an interdisciplinary, liberal arts approach to the study of law. This is an academic program, not a professional training program, emphasizing the social, cultural and philosophical foundations and impacts of law and legal systems. It is designed for Pre-Law students and for a broad array of students from across the UTA campus who are interested in the relationship of law to society and culture.

Upon completion of the Law & Legal Studies minor, students will have developed the following knowledge, skills, abilities and attitudes applicable towards the study and practice of law:

- Analyze judicial opinions and apply court precedent to new issues arising in both every day practical transactions and within the court system;
- Effectively and persuasively communicate simple and complex ideas at a level consistent with those attempting to pursue a law degree;
- Demonstrate logical and reasoning abilities consistent with that required by the Law School Admissions Test;
- Clearly define the role of attorneys within the American Judicial System and attorney interactions in society through various legal actions;
- Identify a legal issue, research judicial opinion and effectively identify a likely outcome in a court of law; and
- Communicate professionally and efficiently in writing in any corporate and legal professional setting.

For additional information, visit <https://www.uta.edu/prelaw/>.

Course Descriptions

REQUIRED COURSES (18 Credit Hours of Required Coursework)

Oral Advocacy (take all three)

HIST 3391	MOOT COURT	3
CRCJ 4302	MOCK TRIAL I (Mock Trial I)	3
CRCJ 4303	MOCK TRIAL II (Mock Trial II)	3

Advanced Writing (Choose at least one of these courses)

HIST 3300	INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL RESEARCH	3
ENGL 3371	ADVANCED EXPOSITION	3
ENGL 4371	ADVANCED ARGUMENTATION	3
ENGL 4349	ADVANCED CREATIVE WRITING: CREATIVE NON-FICTION	3

Experiential Learning Courses (choose at least one of these courses)

HIST 4391	UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE COURSE	3
POLS 4393	PREPARING FOR CAREERS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	3
DS 4395	DISABILITY STUDIES INTERNSHIP	3
GWSS 4393	GENDER, WOMEN & SEXUALITY STUDIES INTERNSHIP	3

Elective Courses (choose at least three of the following courses - two of those courses must be 3000- or 4000-level courses)

CRCJ 4301	THE AMERICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM	3
BLAW 4310	BASIC INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR BUSINESS	3
PHIL 3319	BIOMEDICAL ETHICS	3
HIST 4359	BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY	3
SPAN 4341	BUSINESS AND LEGAL TRANSLATION	3
PHIL 3324	BUSINESS ETHICS	3
BLAW 3311	LAW I	3
BLAW 3312	LAW II	3
COMM 3310	COMMUNICATION LAW & ETHICS	3
HIST 4333	COMPARATIVE CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY	3
PHIL 1304	CONTEMPORARY MORAL PROBLEMS	3
CRCJ 3371	CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION	3
CRCJ 2340	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	3
ECON 3335	ECONOMICS OF PUBLIC POLICIES	3
BCOM 3360	EFFECTIVE BUSINESS COMMUNICATION	3
POLS 4392	SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	3
PHIL 2312	ETHICS	3

Topic must be approved by Law and Legal Studies Advisor

BIOL 4352	FORENSIC BIOLOGY	3
CRCJ 4343	FORENSIC EXPERT TESTIMONY	3
PHIL 1301	FUNDAMENTALS OF REASONING	3
THEA 1303	FUNDAMENTALS OF PRESENTATION	3
GEOL 1330	GLOBAL WARMING	3
HIST 4330	GREAT ANGLO-AMERICAN TRIALS	3
DS 3307	U.S. DISABILITY HISTORY	3
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HIST 3325	IMMIGRATION IN UNITED STATES HISTORY	3
SPAN 4344	INTERPRETING IN LEGAL SETTINGS	3
CRCJ 3370	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSICS	3
POLS 3330	THE JUDICIAL PROCESS	3
POLS 3333	JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT	3
CRCJ 3338	JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS	3
ECON 3305	LAWS AND ECONOMICS	3
BLAW 3310	LEGAL AND ETHICAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS	3
PHIL 2311	LOGIC	3
BIOL 4355	METHODS IN FORENSIC BIOLOGY	3
GEOL 2406	NATURAL RESOURCES & SUSTAINABILITY	4
PHIL 3320	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	3
PHIL 3318	THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	3
SOCI 4331	RACE, ETHNICITY & FAMILY FORMATION	3
BLAW 3314	REAL ESTATE LAW	3
BIOL 3331	SERVICE LEARNING	3
SOCI 3332	SOCIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION	3
SOCI 3331	SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY	3
POLS 4332	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS	3
POLS 4331	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENT POWER	3
HIST 3331	U.S. LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY, 1877 TO PRESENT	3
HIST 3330	U.S. LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY, COLONIAL TO 1877	3
SOCI 3356	WOMEN, WORK AND SOCIAL CHANGE	3