

Minor in Law and Legal Studies

About This Program

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.

Competencies

1. Upon completion, students will be able to analyze judicial opinions and apply court precedent to new issues arising in both every day practical transactions and within the court system.
2. Upon completion, students will be able effectively and persuasively communicate simple and complex ideas at a level consistent with those attempting to pursue a law degree.
3. Upon completion, students will be able to demonstrate logical and reasoning abilities consistent with that required by the Law School Admissions Test.
4. Upon completion, students will be able to clearly define the role of attorneys within the American Judicial System and attorney interactions in society through various legal actions.
5. Upon completion, students will be able to identify a legal issue, research judicial opinion and effectively identify a likely outcome in a court of law.
6. Upon completion, students will be able to communicate professionally and efficiently in writing in any corporate and legal professional setting.

Curriculum

Pre-Law Specialization

For Oral Advocacy select all of the following:

CRCJ 4302	MOCK TRIAL I	3
CRCJ 4303	MOCK TRIAL II	3
HIST 3391	MOOT COURT	3

For Advanced Writing select one of the following:

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

For Experiential Learning select one of the following:

CRCJ 4301	THE AMERICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM	3
DS 4395	DISABILITY STUDIES INTERNSHIP	
GWSS 4393	GENDER, WOMEN & SEXUALITY STUDIES INTERNSHIP	
HIST 4391	UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE COURSE	
POLS 4393	PREPARING FOR CAREERS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	

Select 3 of the following with at least 2 at the 3000/4000 level:

BCOM 3360	EFFECTIVE BUSINESS COMMUNICATION	9
BIOL 3331	SERVICE LEARNING	
BIOL 4352	FORENSIC BIOLOGY	
BIOL 4355	METHODS IN FORENSIC BIOLOGY	
BLAW 3310	LEGAL AND ETHICAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS	
BLAW 3311	LAW I	
BLAW 3312	LAW II	
BLAW 3314	REAL ESTATE LAW	
BLAW 4310	BASIC INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR BUSINESS	
CRCJ 2340	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	
CRCJ 3338	JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS	
CRCJ 3370	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSICS	
CRCJ 3371	CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION	
CRCJ 4343	FORENSIC EXPERT TESTIMONY	
COMM 3310	COMMUNICATION LAW & ETHICS	

DS 3307	U.S. DISABILITY HISTORY
or HIST 3307	U.S. DISABILITY HISTORY
ECON 3305	LAWS AND ECONOMICS
ECON 3335	ECONOMICS OF PUBLIC POLICIES
GEOL 1330	GLOBAL WARMING
GEOL 2406	NATURAL RESOURCES & SUSTAINABILITY
HIST 3325	IMMIGRATION IN UNITED STATES HISTORY
HIST 3330	U.S. LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY, COLONIAL TO 1877
HIST 3331	U.S. LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY, 1877 TO PRESENT
HIST 4330	GREAT ANGLO-AMERICAN TRIALS
HIST 4333	COMPARATIVE CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY
HIST 4359	BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY
PHIL 1301	FUNDAMENTALS OF REASONING
PHIL 1304	CONTEMPORARY MORAL PROBLEMS
PHIL 2311	LOGIC
PHIL 2312	ETHICS
PHIL 3318	THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PHIL 3319	BIOMEDICAL ETHICS
PHIL 3320	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
PHIL 3324	BUSINESS ETHICS
POLS 3330	JUDICIAL POLITICS
POLS 3333	JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT
POLS 4331	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENT POWER
POLS 4332	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
POLS 4392	SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
SPAN 4341	BUSINESS AND LEGAL TRANSLATION
SPAN 4344	INTERPRETING IN LEGAL SETTINGS
THEA 1303	FUNDAMENTALS OF PRESENTATION
SOCI 3331	SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY
SOCI 3332	SOCIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION
SOCI 3356	WOMEN, WORK AND SOCIAL CHANGE
SOCI 4331	RACE, ETHNICITY & FAMILY FORMATION

Total Hours
24

Advising Resources

The Liberal Arts Applied Programs (LAAP) office offers advising for students majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies (INTS) or minoring in Law and Legal Studies (LLS) or Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies (GWSS). First time in college students should speak to a LAAP advisor when starting their second year. Transfer students should contact a LAAP advisor when enrolled.

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