

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)

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| 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)

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| 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)

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| HIST 4391 | UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE COURSE | 3 |
| POLS 4393 | PREPARING FOR CAREERS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE | 3 |
| DS 4395 | DISABILITY STUDIES INTERNSHIP | 3 |
| WOMS 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)

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| 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 <small>Topic must be approved by Law and Legal Studies Advisor</small> | 3 |
| PHIL 2312 | ETHICS | 3 |

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| 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 | HISTORY OF DISABILITY | 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 | JUDICIAL BEHAVIOR AND THE JUDICIAL PROCESS | 3 |
| POLS 3333 | JURISPRUDENCE | 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 |