

Legal Studies Minor

UMASS LOWELL'S minor in Legal Studies Program is designed for students across all department majors who are seeking to gain a greater understanding of the role of law in our society. In addition, the program is designed for students who are interested in pursuing graduate studies in law or law related career.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The minor in Legal Studies program focuses on developing and enhancing skills in critical thinking; issue perception, analysis and solution, written and oral communications, and electronic legal research. In response to technological innovations, growth of ecommerce and demands of the regional economy UMASS LOWELL offers a variety of challenging law courses designed to familiarize students with diverse, domestic and global legal and ethical concepts.

PRE-LAW CURRICULUM

There is no one particular undergraduate major, minor or course of study recommended by law schools. The faculty of the Minor in Legal Studies Program at UMASS LOWELL recommends student select courses in the following broad areas; Communication (reading, speaking, and persuasion) Foundation (economics, political science, and management, history, and philosophy) Observation (science, mathematics, engineering, art, and music) and Law (legal studies and criminal justice)

LEGAL STUDIES FACULTY

The UMASS LOWELL Legal Studies full and part-time faculty members all possess doctorates in law and are lawyers with extensive practical legal experience. They bring their real-world expertise directly into the Legal Studies classroom. The Legal Studies faculty are members of the Department of Economics. The Legal Studies faculty is renowned for scholarly pursuits including publicans of textbooks, articles in academic law journals and commentary in general circulation publications. Members of the Legal Studies faculty have presented lectures and academic papers at leading law conferences and universities throughout the world.

All Legal Studies full time faculty members are available to advise and assist students in designing a pre-law course study. Providing information on taking the LSAT examination, attending local Law School forums, and applying to law schools is an integral part of the mission of the Legal Studies faculty.

STUDENT OPPERTUNITIES

The Legal Studies minor program offers students the opportunity to add valuable internship or service learning experience to the academic experience at UMASS LOWELL. For decades Professor Burke has guided students into meaningful outside the classroom experiences for academic credit.

Under the faculty tutelage students conduct advanced study of a topic in law. For example, an honors undergraduate legal studies student assisted Professor Jones in researching and analyzing the impact of Title IX on college swimming programs. The final report was presented as written testimony before the President's Commission on Title IX, Washington D.C. Student interested in pursuing a directed student must first submit a proposal in writing to an appropriate faculty member, and receive approval from the faculty member, before registering.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A clear understanding of the legal and ethical implications to decisions made by businesses, government entities, cultural institutions and individuals is a necessity in today's world. Students who minor legal studies will possess the necessary knowledge and skill to function as inquisitive, ethically responsible person in our-changing high technology society.

Career paths open Legal Studies students include law school, criminal justice graduate, school, business school, law enforcement, dispute resolution and mediation, contract negotiation, probation officers, court and law office administrators, and compliance officials among others.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINOR IN LEGAL STUDIES

No fewer than six Legal Studies courses are required for a Minor in Legal Studies. A minor in Legal Studies is open to all open students. Please consult with a member of the Legal Studies faculty for written registration of minor approval. Legal Studies course instruction is offered during the day and evening. Courses are taught in a variety of formats including the more traditional lecture mode and on-line. Not all Legal Study courses are taught every semester.

Contact

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Students may choose from the following Legal Studies Offerings:

41.234	Criminal Law	41.377	Practice Law for the Individual
41.261	Introduction Legal Concepts	41.378	Comparative European Community Law
41.262	Introduction Business Law	41.379	The Relationship of Law, Logic, and Ethics
41.360	Legal Issues in Racism	41.380	Marketing fifth P-Prosecution and Legal Restriction
41.363	Corporate and Property Law	41.381	Women and the Law
41.364	Law for the CPA and Pre-Law Student	41.382	Business Planning
41.365	The Legal Environment of Business	41.383	Alternative Dispute Resolution
41.366	International Law	41.384	State and Local Taxation
41.367	Environmental Law	41.385	Immigration Law
41.368	Employment and Labor Law	41.386	Intellectual Property
41.369	The Courts and the Constitution	41.387	Legal Research Methods
41.370	Real Estate Law	41.390	Litigation
41.371	Legal Issues in Health Care	41.391	Federal Income Tax Law
41.372	Sports and Entertainment Law	41.395	Bankruptcy Law
41.373	Consumer Law	41.488	Directed Study in Law
41.374	Computers and the Law	41.489	Seminar in Law
41.375	Securities Regulations	41.490	Cyber Law
41.376	Family Law		