

Legal Studies

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Where It Can Take You

No area of human endeavor is untouched by the law. The bachelor's degree in legal studies prepares students for law school and an array of related professions in trade, politics, business, public affairs, and public service. Besides law school, consider other graduate programs in politics, management, international affairs, and nonprofit operations. You'll be an excellent candidate for these opportunities and your choice of profession.

Become a Leader

business
government
law enforcement
lobbyist
politics
public affairs
public policy
teaching, education

B.S. in Legal Studies

Interested in law school, politics, or public affairs? With a legal studies major, you'll develop a firm understanding of the law. Enthusiastic professors inspire you to develop strong communication skills, critical thinking, and an understanding of the social and political context of legal issues.

What You'll Study

Explore philosophy to build analytical and logical thinking skills. You'll examine argumentation, politics, and ethics to understand their functions in law. A pre-law track and an international law track focus your attention on national and world history and government. Students may pursue a practical internship outside the classroom and take advanced courses in First Amendment rights and war crimes.

How You'll Learn More

The legal studies major is truly interdisciplinary with elements of communication, philosophy, history, political science, and literature. NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law provides exceptional resources. Special NSU programs offer interaction with judges, attorneys, public officials, and other pivotal figures in the legal community. A free annual seminar prepares pre-law students to help them gain acceptance into law school.

Unique Opportunities

- mock trial team: practice simulation of courtroom trials; open to students of any major
- Model United Nations: learn about international politics in this team activity, which may lead to national competitions
- *Digressions Literary Magazine*: annual publication involves student editors, writers, and artists
- internships with civic and community organizations
- global and domestic hands-on travel studies
- local, national conferences: attend or present your work based on your interests
- national honor societies: join based on your academic achievement



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Legal Studies Major Curriculum 2015–2016

At least 18 credits in the major must be at the 3000/4000 level.

Students are required to complete 30 credit hours as part of the General Education Program.

LEGAL STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (42 CREDITS)

Core Courses (18 credits)

		Credits	
LGST	2500	Introduction to Legal Studies	3
POLS	1010	American Government and Politics	3
SPCH	2020	Argument and Debate	3

Philosophy: Logic

Select 3 credits from the following courses:

PHIL	1400	Introduction to Logic	3
PHIL	2400	Symbolic Logic	3

Philosophy: Value Inquiry

Select 3 credits from the following courses:

PHIL	3010	Ethical Issues in Communication	3
PHIL	3180	Biomedical Ethics	3

OR

PHIL	3180H	Biomedical Ethics Honors	3
PHIL	3200	Ethics and Sport	3
PHIL	3360	Environmental Ethics	3
PHIL	3660	Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL	3670	Social and Political Philosophy	3

Philosophy: Systematic Area of Philosophy

Select 3 credits from the following courses:

PHIL	3220	Philosophy of Science	3
PHIL	3510	Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL	3520	Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL	4100	Metaphysics	3
PHIL	4200	Epistemology	3

Tracks (12 credits)

Select one of the following tracks:

International Law Track (12 credits)

		Credits	
Select 3 credits from the following courses:			
HIST	1090	Early Western History	3
HIST	1110	Modern Western History	3

HIST	1150	Early World History	3
HIST	1160	Modern World History	3
AND			
LGST	3400	Comparative Legal Systems	3
LGST	4410	International Law	3
POLS	2010	Comparative Government	3

Pre-Law Track (12 credits)

Select 3 credits from the following courses:

HIST	1030	American History to 1865	3
HIST	1040	American History Since 1865	3
AND			
HIST	3010	Constitutional History I	3
HIST	3020	Constitutional History II	3
LGST	4000	Legal Research and Trial Advocacy	3

Advanced Major Electives (6 credits)

Select 6 credits from the following courses that are not completed in the selected track:

		Credits	
LGST	3350	Environmental Law and Policy	3
LGST	3400	Comparative Law	3
LGST	4000	Legal Research and Trial Advocacy	3
LGST	4100	The First Amendment	3
LGST	4200	Crime and the Constitution	3
LGST	4270	Judicial Politics and Process	3
LGST	4310	Individual Rights and the Law	3
LGST	4410	International Law	3
LGST	4420	War Crimes	3
LGST	4900	Special Topics in Legal Studies	3
LGST	4950	Internship in Legal Studies	3

Literature Elective (3 credits)

Any LITR course

Humanities Elective (3 credits)

Any 3000/4000-level HIST, LITR, POLS, or PHIL course

This publication should not be viewed as a substitution for official program requirements and outcomes. A student is responsible for meeting the curriculum and program requirements in the *Undergraduate Student Catalog* that are in effect when the student enters the program.

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