

Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Minor *Requirements*



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In antiquity, Socrates held that the laws were his “true parent.” For then as now, laws help to constitute and regulate the family, school, church, commercial, and governmental institutions. They therefore affect the lives of everyone throughout, although conversely human beings make the law. Legal foundations, developments, and effects are consequently of intrinsic interest and concern to many disciplines and their students. The Legal Studies curriculum is accordingly designed not so much for the pre-law student, as for any student whose liberal education seeks to understand the formative bases of human civilization and culture.

Overview:

Open to UMaine students majoring in any subject

Students must complete a minimum of 18 credit hours in courses primarily focused on legal matters.

Minimum grade for courses to count toward minor: C-

Residency Requirement: a minimum of 9 credit hours must be completed at the University of Maine

A list of courses that count toward the minor is included on this handout.

Other courses on legal topics may count as well. Students should contact the campus advisor (Prof. Mark Brewer) in order to determine if a particular course would count toward the minor.

Detailed overview of all courses can be found in the University of Maine Catalog.

Course List:

AVS 153- Animals and the Law

BUA 220- The Legal Environment of Business

BUA 312- Federal Taxation of Individuals

CET 451- Construction Law

CHF 404- Selected Topics in Child Development and Family Life (Legal topics only)

CHF 488- Family Legal Issues

CMJ 375- Mass Communication Law and Policy

CMJ 412- Electronic Management and Programming

ECO 368- Economics of Regulation

ECO 479- Land Use Planning

EES 324- Environmental Protection Law and Policy

ENG 229- Topics in Literature (legal topics only)

FSN 436- Food Law

HTY 464- America at the Crossroads: The Era of Civil War Reconstruction 1840-1876

HTY 499- Contemporary Problems in History (legal topics only) (Credits: 1-3)

Course List (Continued):

INT 105 (ECO, REP)- Environmental Policy
ISE 213- Information Ethics
LDR 200- Leadership Ethics
MSL 402- Officership (Credits: 4)
NAV 304- Leadership and Ethics
NMD 213- Information Ethics
PHI 244- Philosophy of Law
PHI 250- Formal Logic
PHI 344- Theories of Justice
POS 282- Introduction to American Law
POS 306- Crafting the American Constitution
POS 307- Democratic Theory
POS 359- Topics in American Government (legal topics only)
POS 383- American Constitutional Law
POS 384- American Civil Liberties
POS 470- International Law
POS 484- The American Constitution and Criminal Due Process
SMS 120- Introduction to Forensics
SOC 214- Crime and Criminal Justice
SOC 314- Law and Society
SVT 221- Boundary Law

For further information about the **Inter-disciplinary Legal Studies Minor**, contact the campus advisor, Prof. Mark Brewer of the Department of Political Science (113A North Stevens Hall) at (207) 581-1863 or mark.brewer@maine.edu

For information about general pre-law studies and/or advice for students interested in attending law school, contact Career Center **Pre-Law advisor Chelsea Castonguay**, at (207) 581-1356 or chelsea.castonguay@maine.edu

