

Constitutional Law

Undergraduate Letter of Specialization

Legal Studies Program, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst

The Legal Studies Program announces a Letter of Specialization in Constitutional Law. A letter of specialization can be cited as a credential on resumes, personal statements and in letters of recommendation. It represents completion of significant coursework in the socio-legal inquiry of constitutional law. All coursework must carry at least 3 credits and be taken for a letter grade. Students must maintain a cumulative average GPA of 2.0 across the five courses required.

REQUIREMENT: 5 APPROVED COURSES WHICH FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LETTER OF SPECIALIZATION IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

| Course # | Applicable Legal Studies Courses | Completed (x) or In Progress (IP) |
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| 252 | Law and Personal Freedom | |
| 275 | Interdisciplinary Legal Studies | |
| 293R | Race, Citizenship and the American Constitution | |
| 319 (formerly 391LR) | Law and the Regulatory State | |
| 391U | Due Process in the Criminal Trial | |
| 397N | Law and Public Policy | |
| 360 (formerly 397V) | Civil Liberties in Wartime | |
| | Law-Related Liberal Arts courses that have been pre-approved for this Letter or other Approved Course (two allowed): | |
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Two classes can be applied to the requirements by taking a course that has been pre-approved and is listed below as a Law-Related Liberal Arts class for the Legal Studies Program. Please note that you will need to go through normal enrollment channels with these classes. Inclusion on this list does not give you any priority in admission or the ability to circumvent another department's pre-requisites or entrance requirements. Other courses at UMASS, the Five Colleges, and elsewhere may be used to fulfill this requirement only with the approval of the Constitutional Law Letter of Specialization Point Person as listed on the website. When requesting approval of an unlisted course, please be prepared to share a copy of the course syllabus with the Point Person.

COURSE APPROVALS

_____ (name of course) has been approved for inclusion in the Constitutional Law Letter of Specialization in the Legal Studies Program.

_____ (Signature of Dr. Paul Collins) _____ (date)

VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION

_____ (student name) _____ (ID number) has fulfilled the requirements for the Constitutional Law Letter of Specialization in the Legal Studies Program.

_____ (signature of Legal Studies Advisor) _____ (date)

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Please note that you may request approval for additional courses at UMass and the Five Colleges

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| AFROAM 236 | History Civil Rights Movement |
| HISTORY 154 | Social Change and the 1960s |
| HISTORY 374 | U.S. Constitutional History I |
| HISTORY 375 | U.S. Constitutional History II |
| HISTORY 389 | U.S. Women's History since 1890 |
| HISTORY 397B | History on Trial |
| HISTORY 397DV | History of Domestic Violence Law |
| HISTORY 397LE (H) | Liberation or Equality? History of LGBT Rights Law (HONORS) |
| HISTORY 397RR | History/Reproductive Rights Law (formerly HISTORY 397W) |
| HISTORY 397WLH | History of Sex & Gender Discrimination Law (HONORS) |
| HONORS 322H | Criminal Law and Justice in the US (HONORS) |
| HONORS 397C | Law in Action: Litigating for Social & Legal Change |
| JOURNAL 445 | Journalism & Law |
| POLISCI 162 | Introduction to Constitutional Law |
| POLISCI 360 (H) | Constitutional Law |
| POLISCI 361 | Civil Liberties |
| POLISCI 365 | Bill Rights/Equal Protection |
| POLISCI 383 | Energy Policy |
| POLISCI 391E | Rules of War |
| POLISCI 397E | Indigenous Rights & Social Movements |
| SOCIOL 242 | Drugs & Society |
| SOCIOL 392A | Race, Class, Crime |