

Legal Studies Major

Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst

NAME: _____

Primary Major Secondary Major Dual Degree

SPIRE#: _____

Advisor:

Date:

120 credits NEEDED to graduate

() Credits EARNED to date (does not include current semester's credits)

() Current semester credits

() Total remaining credits (assuming you pass all of your classes this semester or you don't change your schedule)

() Pending credits (study abroad, transfer, CLEP exam, etc.) *Credits are not official until approved by the registrar*

Y / N Residency Credits fulfilled? (45 UMASS Amherst credits, 54 cr. for honors)

() Cumulative GPA

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT (University-wide requirement)

Requirement	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
College Writing (CW)	
Basic Math (R1)	
Analytical Reasoning (R2)	
Biological Science (BS)	
Physical Science (PS)	

Requirement	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Literature/Art (AL, AT)	
Historical (HS)	
Social/Behavioral Sci. (SB)	
Social World (AL, AT, SB, I, or SI)	
U.S. Diversity (U)	
Global Diversity (G)	

Two Extra Courses for Transfer Students

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SBS GLOBAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT (College-wide requirement)

(Please see the **Global Education Advisors in Thompson Hall 128** for course exceptions and information on other options)

Primary SBS Major	Yes	No
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Option I: Foreign Language	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Lang. (3 cr.)	
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Lang. (3 cr.)	
Lang. (3 cr.)	
Lang. (3 cr.)	

Option II: Language/Regional	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Lang. (3 cr.)	
Lang. (3 cr.)	
Regional (3 cr.)	
Regional (3 cr.)	
Regional (3 cr.)	

Option III: Study Abroad/Individualized	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Abroad/ Individualized Program:	

Option IV: Certificate Option	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Certificate Program:	

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LEGAL STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:

Legal Studies requires its majors to complete a minimum of 33 credits including the Junior Year Writing and Integrative Experience courses. All coursework for the major must be taken for a letter grade and carry at least 3 credits, and no more than 2 transfer courses, exchange, or 5-college courses (or a maximum of 8 transfer credits) may count toward the major. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA within the major as well as overall, at the University, to graduate.

INTRODUCTORY REQUIREMENT: Majors must complete LEGAL 250. This course is a pre-requisite for most of our 300 and 400-level courses.

Introductory Requirement	Course/Credit	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
LEGAL 250 – Introduction to Legal Studies	LEGA 250/ 4 cr	

LEGAL STUDIES COURSES: Majors must take at least 20 credits of Legal Studies courses at the 200 or higher level, including the Integrative Experience. Practicum and Independent Study courses may NOT be used toward major requirements. All classes must be letter graded.

20 Credits of Legal Studies Credits at the 200-level or Higher	Course/Credit	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
200-Level or Higher		
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Legal Studies Integrative Experience		

Junior Year Writing	LEGAL 450/ 3 cr.	
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Major GPA	
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LAW-RELATED LIBERAL ARTS COURSES: Complete two law-related liberal arts courses outside of (and approved by) the department. No more than one of these can be at the 100-level. (See list of courses on the department website.) These classes may be taken at any time during the student's academic career, including Freshman year.

Law-Related Liberal Arts Courses (at least 3 credits each)	Course/Credit	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
100-Level or Higher		
200-Level or Higher		

Notes: