

# LEGAL STUDIES (MINOR)

## Overview

Minor: Legal Studies  
Program Code: M702

The Legal Studies minor offers students an interdisciplinary experience analyzing the law and its role in society, politics, and culture. Designed for students from a wide range of majors, this program provides foundational knowledge of legal systems, while cultivating critical analysis and communication skills.

## Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

**To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print Options."** This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

## Institutional Minor Requirements

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU minors. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- A minor consists of 15-24 semester hours. There may be prerequisites required for the minor which will increase the total number of credit hours for a student who has not already taken those prerequisites.
- Courses taken to satisfy Essential Learning, major requirements, or electives **can** be counted toward the minor if applicable.
- At least 33 percent of the credit hours required for the minor must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
- At least 25 percent of the classes must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher for the courses used for the minor.
- A minor is not a degree by itself and must be earned at the same time as a baccalaureate degree.
- A minor must be outside the major field of study.
- A student may earn up to five minors with any baccalaureate degree at CMU.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements sheet you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

## Program Specific Minor Requirements

(18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>Law and Legal Systems</b>		
Select one class from this category:		3
POLS 328	American Court Systems	
POLS 412	Constitutional Law	
POLS 471	International Organizations and Law	
BUGB 231	Survey of Business Law	
BUGB 351	Business Law I	
MASS 310	Media Law and Ethics	
CRMJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
CRMJ 301	Criminal Procedure	
CRMJ 302	Ethics in Criminal Justice	
CRMJ 328	American Court Systems	
CRMJ 412	Constitutional Law	
CRMJ 420	Criminal Law	
CRMJ 425	Trial, Evidence, and Legal Advocacy	
KINE 342	Sport Law and Recreation Risk Management	
EMGT 360	Real Property, Oil and Gas Law (Law and Legal Systems)	
<b>Communication</b>		
Select one class from this category:		3
SPCH 203	Persuasion	
SPCH 304	Communication and Conflict	
SPCH 307	Professional Presentations	
SPCH 308	Argumentation	
ENGL 219	Introduction to Professional Writing-GTCO3	
ENGL 320	Report and Proposal Writing	
ENGL 385	Technical and Professional Writing	
ENGL 392	Introduction to Copy Editing (Critical Thinking)	
<b>Critical Thinking</b>		
Select one class from this category:		3
ENGL 421	Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism	
ENGL 386	Roots of Modern Rhetoric	
PHIL 120	Ethics-GTAH3	
PHIL 275	Introduction To Logic	
PSYC 425	Forensic Psychology	
HIST 202	Introduction to Historical Research	
POLS 453	Political Theory: Modern	
<b>Internship</b>		
Select one class from this category:		3
ENGL 499	Internship	
POLS 499	Internship	
CRMJ 499	Internship	
<b>Additional Coursework</b>		
Select two additional courses from either Law and Legal Systems; Communication; Critical Thinking; Internship. <sup>1</sup>		6
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> One course must be upper-division.

## **Advising and Graduation**

### **Advising Process and DegreeWorks**

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a minor. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and developing a suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended minor.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a minor. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head for the minor. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

### **Graduation Process**

A minor cannot be awarded by itself. It must be combined with a baccalaureate degree outside the major field of study. Students should follow the graduation process outlined for the baccalaureate degree and list their majors and minors on the "Intent to Graduate" form.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.