

# LEGAL STUDIES

## Bachelor of Arts

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Legal Studies is an interdisciplinary program that integrates critical and philosophical perspectives rooted in the liberal arts with practical and policy components. The Legal Studies program draws on courses offered by faculty from across the School of Humanities and Sciences, especially in the departments of politics, philosophy/religion, and sociology, as well as courses offered by faculty in the professional schools. Legal Studies majors and minors grapple with broad-reaching legal, constitutional, and social policy questions, especially those related to individual and communal rights, personal liberty, social justice and equality of opportunity, economic redistribution, and political representation, while paying close attention to the historical, theoretical, critical, and cultural foundations of law and policy.

The program seeks to prepare students for a wide array of positions in both the public and private sectors, as well as to qualify them for admission to graduate programs in a variety of fields. Legal Studies graduates follow a number of career paths, including graduate school in law, public administration, policymaking and compliance sectors, international and human rights governance, and other programs. Students are well prepared to begin employment in a range of professional fields, and many enter the workforce directly, sometimes deferring graduate school decisions. Law itself is a broad and diverse field, and the program provides students a solid theoretical grounding in the historical, theoretical, critical, and cultural foundations of law and policy while exposing them to a variety of areas of the discipline.

## Majors & Minors

- Legal Studies - B.A. (<https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/schools/school-humanities-sciences/legal-studies/legalstudies-major-ba/>)
- Legal Studies Minor (<https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/schools/school-humanities-sciences/legal-studies/legalstudies-minor/>)

### **LGST 10100 Foundations in Law and Justice (LA)**

An introduction to basic concepts in law and the legal system. Surveys various areas of the law, such as criminal law, liability and torts, constitutional law, and administrative law. Examines the functions of courts, judges, attorneys, and juries. Provides an overview of legal theories, such as feminist analysis of law, critical legal studies, and legal realism. Studies actual and hypothetical legal cases, and ongoing legal controversies. (FY)

Attributes: AN3

3 Credits

### **LGST 27500 Selected Topics in Legal Studies (LA)**

Explores contemporary topics, concepts, and controversies in the field of law and society at the intermediate level. May be repeated for credit for a total of nine credits when topics vary. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. (IRR)

Attributes: LSAP

1-3 Credits

### **LGST 30600 Criminal Law (NLA)**

An introduction to topics in criminal law, criminal procedure, and criminal justice. Topics include the American court system; origins of law; elements of crimes; defenses to crimes; constitutional issues in criminal law; criminal procedure issues, including policy operations, arraignments, indictments, grand jury procedure, criminal trials, and appeals; and criminal justice issues, including "white- and blue-collar" crime, philosophies of crime and punishment, and crime in the workplace. An optional clinical component in the Tompkins County court system will be available. Prerequisites: LGST 10100 and one of CMST 12400, GBUS 20300, SOCI 20300, or TVR 12300. (FS)

Attributes: LMAL, LMEL

3 Credits

### **LGST 30700 Environmental Law and Policy (LA)**

A survey of environmental law and the policies and goals of key federal environmental statutes. Students will examine the role of the Environmental Protection Agency in implementing and enforcing environmental standards, as well as significant case law developments. Prerequisites: LGST 10100 and one of CMST 12400, GBUS 20300, SOCI 20300, or TVR 12300. (Y)

Attributes: ENSS, ENVE, ESPE, LMAL, LMEL

3 Credits

### **LGST 32000 Marketplace Regulation and Consumer Protection (NLA)**

Discussion and in-depth study of the role of government in protecting the consumer and regulating marketplace practices. Seminar topics include the costs and effectiveness of the administrative law process, case studies of federal regulatory agencies, and recent developments in marketing and product liability law. Emphasis on research skills, and individual and group presentations. Prerequisites: LGST 10100 and one of CMST 12400, GBUS 20300, SOCI 20300, or TVR 12300. (Y)

Attributes: ENSS, ENVE, ESPE, LMAL, LMEL

3 Credits

### **LGST 32300 Legal Research Seminar (LA)**

In this course, students develop expertise in the skills and strategies required for legal research by using Cornell Law School and/or electronic resources available at Ithaca College. They complete regular research assignments designed to show their mastery of law library resources. The second half of the course focuses on how to use legal research to analyze specific legal controversies within larger social and policy contexts. Prerequisites: LGST 10100; junior standing. (Y)

Attributes: LMAL, LMEL

3 Credits

### **LGST 37500-37501 Selected Topics in Legal Studies (LA)**

Explores contemporary topics, concepts, and controversies in the field of law and society at an advanced level. May be repeated for a total of six credits when topics vary. Prerequisites: One LGST course at 100-level or above. (Y)

Attributes: AN3, LSAP

1-6 Credits

### **LGST 39700 Internship in Legal Studies (NLA)**

Permits students to explore experiential law-related work in a variety of settings. Students are expected to perform work at an internship site, chosen in consultation with their faculty advisor, to keep a journal, and to submit, as part of their course obligations, a thorough written evaluative report based on their experiences. Internships may be taken at national, state, and local levels, in London under the auspices of the Ithaca College London Center, as well as in other international locations. Prerequisites: permission of instructor. (FS,U,Y)

0.5-9 Credits

**LGST 40200 Senior Research Seminar in Legal Studies (LA)**

A seminar designed to provide students an opportunity to do advanced level research by completing a major project on a legal issue of particular interest to them. Emphasis will be on analyzing how a particular legal issue or controversy is shaped by, and shapes, larger social, political, and economic systems. Prerequisites: Legal Studies Majors only; Senior standing. Corequisites: LGST 48000. (Y)

Attributes: LSAP

2 Credits

**LGST 48000 Capstone in Legal Studies (LA)**

This course gives participants an opportunity to reflect upon their interdisciplinary program of study in Legal Studies, and will also serve as the ICC capstone course. The course incorporates opportunities for professional development towards post-graduation plans (meeting with alums, practicing professionals, career services, etc.). Prerequisites: Legal Studies Majors only; Senior Standing. Corequisites: LGST 40200 or LGST 49800. (Y)

Attributes: CP

1 Credit

**LGST 49800 Senior Internship in Legal Studies (NLA)**

Permits students to explore experiential law-related work in a variety of settings. Students are expected to perform work at an internship site, chosen in consultation with their faculty advisor, to keep a journal, and to submit, as part of their course obligations, a thorough written evaluative report based on their experiences. Internship experiences will be a topic for discussion in the Capstone in Legal Studies course, and integrated into reflections on a student's entire course of study. Prerequisites: permission of instructor. (F,S,Y)

Attributes: LSAP

2-6 Credits