

LEGAL STUDIES - B.A.

Legal Studies begins with a set of core courses, which, taken together, offer an interdisciplinary, liberal arts framework and a foundational knowledge of legal concepts, theories, and practices. Courses are drawn from Sociology, Communications Studies, Philosophy, Politics, and Business. The core curriculum will provide students with the requisite knowledge and perspectives necessary to create a self-designed concentration of 15 credits that will be created in close-consultation with their academic advisor. This concentration will immerse students in a subject area of interest to deepen their understanding of the topic. At the advanced level, students will be required to take a course on legal research, and a capstone course that will involve either an intensive internship experience, closely directed by a faculty advisor, or an intensive research seminar.

Summary

Code	Title	Credits
	Major Requirements	39
	Integrative Core Curriculum ¹	28-40
	Electives	41-53
	Total Credits	120

¹ See Integrative Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/schools/school-humanities-sciences/#integrativecorecurriculumicct>) requirements, with information about the H&S CLA requirement.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
CORE COURSES		
LGST 10100	Foundations in Law and Justice	3
CMST 12400	Courtrooms and Communication	3
SOCI 20300	Juvenile Delinquency	3
or SOCI 21400	Definitions of Normality	
TVR 12300	Introduction to Law and the Media	3
or GBUS 20300	Legal Environment of Business I	
PHIL 26500	Philosophical Problems in Law	3
POLT 30300	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	3
or POLT 31000	Supreme Court in U.S. Politics	
LGST 32300	Legal Research Seminar	3
CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE		
LGST 40200	Senior Research Seminar in Legal Studies	2
or LGST 49800	Senior Internship in Legal Studies	
LGST 48000	Capstone in Legal Studies	1
	SELF-DESIGNED CONCENTRATION ¹	15

All Legal Studies majors design their own concentration, in consultation with their advisor, related to a field of special interest to them. Courses that can be combined together for a concentration can be drawn from LGST courses and courses with the attribute of "Legal Studies Major - concentration"; other courses will be considered on a case by case basis. Concentrations must be approved by the program coordinator no later than a student's junior year.

The concentration design must meet the following criteria:

- no more than 3 credits may be at the 100-level
- at least 6 credits at level 3 or above
- no more than 6 NLA credits
- no more than 9 credits with the same subject code prefix
- cannot include courses that are counting as part of the core requirements.

Total Credits **39**

¹ Courses designated with a Legal Studies Major-Concentration attribute may have additional prerequisites that the student is responsible for meeting.

SAMPLE CONCENTRATIONS

Students have many options for developing concentrations; the tables below show a few concentrations in particular focus areas that provide examples of the types of concentrations that can be designed.

Politics of Law

Code	Title	Credits
POLT 10100	U.S. Politics	3
CSCR 23700	Policing the Borderlands: Power, Policy, and Justice	3
or CSCR 21100	American Gangster: Social Portrayals of Gangs	
HIST 24000	Reimagining America: Politics, Religion, and Reform in the Antebellum U.S., 1815-1860	3
or HIST 24500	The American Civil War	
or HIST 24600	After the American Civil War: Race, Reconstruction, & Reconciliation	
POLT 30300	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	3
or POLT 31000	Supreme Court in U.S. Politics	
or POLT 33400	Politics of Rights and Culture	
LGST 30600	Criminal Law	3
or LGST 31000	Issues in Digital Law: Privacy, Identity, Security in the Digital Age	
	Total Credits	15

Crime, Social Control and Law

Code	Title	Credits
CSCR 21100	American Gangster: Social Portrayals of Gangs	3
HIST 26700	The Salem Witchcraft Crisis of 1692	3
or PSYC 26000	Psychology of Privilege and Oppression	
or SOCI 21700	Mental Health in Historical and Social Contexts	
CSCR 35200	Punishment, Prisons, and Democracy	3
or POLT 33400	Politics of Rights and Culture	
LGST 30600	Criminal Law	3
or LGST 31000	Issues in Digital Law: Privacy, Identity, Security in the Digital Age	
SOCI 30200		3
or SOCI 32200	Forms of Punishment	
	Total Credits	15

Philosophy of Law

Code	Title	Credits
PHIL 21200	Introduction to Ethics	3
	or PHIL 23000 Bioethics	
	or PHIL 25200 Environmental Ethics	
PHIL 22000	Political Philosophy	3
	or PHIL 26000 Difference and Community	
	or POLT 14200 Ideas and Ideologies	
PHIL 34000	Global Ethics	3
	or PHIL 35200 Moral Philosophy	
POLT 30300	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	3
	or POLT 31000 Supreme Court in U.S. Politics	
	or POLT 33400 Politics of Rights and Culture	
SOCI 32500	Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality	3
	or CSCR 35100 Race and Sexual Politics	
Total Credits		15

Communication, Law and Culture

Code	Title	Credits
CMST 11000	Public Communication	3
	or CMST 11500 Business and Professional Communication	
	or CMST 12000 Communication, Culture, and Rhetoric	
CMST 21500	Argumentation and Debate	3
CMST 32000	Communication, Conflict, and Negotiation	3
	or CMST 32100 Oral Advocacy in Arbitration and the Courts	
POLT 30300	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	3
	or POLT 31000 Supreme Court in U.S. Politics	
POLT 33400	Politics of Rights and Culture	3
	or CMST 36000 Race and Public Policy	
Total Credits		15