

Legal Studies

Division of Humanities

- **Minor: 21 credit hours**
- **Minor GPA required for graduation: 2.50**

While obtaining admission into law school is competitive, McKendree University has an excellent reputation preparing students for taking the LSAT and for gaining admission to prominent law schools.

No single major is required to gain admission into law school. However, law schools look for specific courses in political science, philosophy, sociology, and history on transcripts. Law schools also look for applicants with quantitative courses such as economics, business, mathematics, logic, and finance. Law schools expect excellent writing and research skills.

Law schools require applicants to complete a standardized test, the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). Logic and other courses that emphasize critical thinking will help performance on the LSAT.

The Legal Studies minor complements many majors. This minor benefits students in their future careers, graduate school aspirations, and personal development.

Students who minor in Legal Studies will enroll in a variety of courses designed to help them understand multiple perspectives and to give them courses that will help prepare them for law school or professions related to the law.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Demonstrate analytical and critical thinking skills appropriate to the study of legal issues and legal problems.
- Express, both verbally and in written form, complex theoretical perspectives while acknowledging multiple and distinctive points of view.
- Understand the structure and operation of the United States legal system and its relationship to social and economic institutions.
- Articulate alternative points of view and asymmetries of power within the legal system as it currently operates in the United States.

To minor in legal studies, no more than two courses can be taken from any one discipline.

LEGAL STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS:

REQUIRED COURSES		12 crs.
PHI 204	LOGIC	3
BUS 303	BUSINESS LAW I	3
PSI 305	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	3
PSI 312	INTERNATIONAL LAW	3

THREE COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING 9 crs.

ACC 205	PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	3
BUS 304	BUSINESS LAW II	3
LGS 480	INTERNSHIP IN LEGAL STUDIES	1-4
PSI 101	AMERICAN POLITICS	3
PSY/		
SOC 401	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
SOC 170	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
SOC 235	CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS	3
COM 115	SPEECH AND DEBATE ACTIVITIES	.5-3
COM 391	PERSUASION	3

(6 credits must be at the 300 level or above.)

SUGGESTED COURSES THAT WILL NOT FULFILL THE MINOR BUT WOULD FULFILL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

ECO 211	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	3
HIS 261	UNITED STATES HISTORY SINCE 1877	3
PHI 201	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY	3
PHI 390	ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY (W)	3
PSI 102	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3
PSY 153	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
COM 210	ARGUMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION	3
COM 310	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS	3

Legal Studies (LGS)

LGS 470
INTERNSHIP IN LEGAL STUDIES

1-4