

Legal Studies

Division of Humanities

While obtaining admission into law school is very 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.

To minor in Legal Studies:

1. Complete 22 credit hours. Students must also earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in courses applied to the minor.
2. No more than two courses can be taken from any one discipline.
3. Nine hours must be upper level.
4. Relevant internship hours may be substituted for three hours of the minor requirements.

LEGAL STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS

22 crs.

PHI 204	LOGIC	(3)
BUS 303	BUSINESS LAW I	(3)

FIVE COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING

15 crs.

ACC 205	PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	(3)
BUS 304	BUSINESS LAW II	(3)
PSI 101	AMERICAN POLITICS	(3)
PSI 305	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	(3)
PSI 312	INTERNATIONAL LAW	(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)

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)

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