Law Studies Minor

The minor in Law Studies is designed for students with an interest in studying law. The minor is beneficial for students who wish to structure their academic program to help prepare for law school. The minor will also serve the needs of students such as those who have an interest in human resource management, political science, construction management and supply chain management who want to learn more about the field of law and its many diverse issues and perspectives. All students choosing to minor in Law Studies must complete **18 credit hours (six courses)**, maintain a 2.0 average in minor courses and satisfy the requirements indicated below.

**Perspectives of the Law (required)**

**Semester/Grade**

_____ _____  LW 270 Law and Society I - intended to be the first class taken in the minor
_____ _____  POL 400 Constitutional Law (CGI) - intended to be the last class taken in the minor

**Law Studies Minor Portfolio (0 credits) (required)**

_____ _____  LW 499 Law Studies Minor Portfolio

**Areas of Law (take two of the following)**

**Semester/Grade**

_____ _____  LW 466 The Law of the Workplace
_____ _____  LW 471 Law and Society II
_____ _____  POL 375 Environmental Law (CGI)
_____ _____  LW 352 Reading for the Law: Legal Issues in Non-Fiction Literature (CGI/C1)
_____ _____  POL 380 Law and Bioethics (STS)
_____ _____  POL 362 Human Rights Law and Politics (CGI: C1)

**Policy/Social Issues (take one of the following)**

**Semester/Grade**

_____ _____  COMM 310 Mass Media and Society (Univ: CGI/STS)
_____ _____  COMM 428 Environmental Communication (Univ:STS & CGI)
_____ _____  LIT 335/POL 335 Violence & Reconciliation (Univ:GGI & IA: C1)
_____ _____  PHIL 243 Business Ethics (CGI)
_____ _____  POL/SOC 470 Environmental Policy (STS: C1)
_____ _____  POL 471 Energy Policy (Univ:STS & EC:C1)
_____ _____  SOC 330 Health, Wealth, Integrity & Environment (Univ:STS & EC)
_____ _____  LW 490 Internship (subject to availability)

**Communication (take one of the following)**

**Semester/Grade**

_____ _____  COMM 210 Theory of Rhetoric for Business, Science and Engineering (C2)
_____ _____  COMM 217 Introduction to Public Speaking (C2)
_____ _____  COMM 410 Theory and Philosophy of Communication (IG: C1)
_____ _____  PHIL 330 Logic for Critical Thinking (IG)

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LW499, Law Studies Minor Portfolio

Course Description of LW499 (for the “Register of Course Descriptions”)

LW499, Law Studies Minor Portfolio. 0 credit hours.

In this course, students complete their Law Studies Minor Portfolio under the direction of their minor advisor. The course is graded on a Pass-No Credit basis.

Discussion of LW499 & Its Function in the Minor

A student completing the Law Studies Minor will compile a portfolio that manifests his or her learning experience in the minor. The portfolio will include two types of material:

1. Samples of the student’s work from each course in the minor. This material should be selected to demonstrate the student’s progression of learning about the field of law and its many diverse issues. The sample work will be chosen in consultation with the student’s minor adviser.

2. A self-reflective essay that synthesizes the students learning experiences in the individual courses in the minor and also articulates the meaning of these experiences for the student. This essay, written under the direction of the student’s minor adviser, provides the opportunity for students to develop a coherent and comprehensive understanding of their educational experience in the minor.

The entire point of the Law Studies Minor is to help students develop a body of learning about the field law and the different issues that pervade it. This will range from factual knowledge to the ability to use common methods and approaches, and the selected work will exemplify this range of learning. Moreover, students who complete the minor should have a coherence and comprehensiveness of learning beyond that of students who accidentally, as it were, take much of the same course work. The self-reflective essay provides the occasion and mechanism for students to achieve this.

Minor advisors will come from the School of Business and the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Pre-Law Advisor will coordinate the assignment of minor advisors and the completion of LW499.