

LEGAL STUDIES (LGST)

LGST 3220. Judicial Process (3)

An introduction to the legal process as a whole, including the functions of courts, lawyers, and other actors in the legal system. Specific issues such as court reform, crime control, civil liberties, and civil rights will be covered. The Supreme Court and the development of constitutional interpretation through judicial decision-making will also be explored.

Prerequisites: POLS 1101 or POLI 101 or PARA 1101

LGST 3231. Administrative Law (3)

This course discusses the importance of administrative law, how administrative agencies operate and are held accountable, and how professionals in the private and public sectors interact with administrative agencies. It includes a discussion of statutory and constitutional law and the interplay of administrative rules with other sources of legal authority.

Prerequisites: PARA 1101 (may be taken concurrently) or CRJU 1150 (may be taken concurrently) or POLS 1101 (may be taken concurrently)

LGST 3400. Courts in the United States (3)

This course offers a general understanding of the processes and functions of criminal court systems in the United States. The following topics will be examined: the historical development of criminal courts; different types of law; characteristics of federal and state courts; functions and responsibilities of prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges; the criminal trial process; plea bargaining; sentencing options and decisions; and characteristics of appellate courts.

Prerequisites: CRJU 1150 or PARA 1101 or ADMN 3101

LGST 3410. Survey-Criminal Law/Procedures (3)

An overview of criminal law and of the fundamental elements of criminal procedures, including methods and rules of police investigation and arrest, adjudication, sentencing, and appellate review by higher courts.

Prerequisites: CRJU 1150 or PARA 1101 or POLS 1101

LGST 4020. Litigation Techniques (3)

This course examines and applies case analysis, rules, and policies governing the type of information that may be received by the court at trial. It focuses on all phases of the trial process and examines how evidence can be properly developed with an emphasis on persuasiveness in presentation and problem solving in the adversarial system.

Prerequisites: PARA 1101 and PARA 2203

LGST 4030. Adv. Legal Research & Writing (3)

This course challenges students to prepare and review more sophisticated and complex legal documents. Students will gain additional expertise in electronic legal and factual research and legal citation skills. This course requires extensive independent research and writing time.

Prerequisites: PARA 2205

LGST 4300. Personal Law Issues (3)

This course explores civil legal matters routinely encountered throughout an individual's lifetime. Students will learn to research the law to address legal questions. Topics include family law, negligence, employee rights, debt collection, landlord-tenant obligations, wills and estates, and business formation.

LGST 4420. Law and Society (3)

This course examines the relationship between formal law and social institutions. Specifically, the course will focus on the U.S. Constitution, theories of law and law creation, law and inequality, law as a vehicle for social change, and the role of law in modern American society. Some effort will be made to compare law in U.S. society to the development and function of law in other societies.

Prerequisites: CRJU 1150 or SOCI 1101 or PARA 1101

LGST 4425. Constitutional Law I: Institut (3)

Provides an in-depth study of the constitutional status of federalism, the separation of powers doctrine, and the constraints on the power of the United States Supreme Court by discussing relevant Supreme Court case law.

Prerequisites: POLS 1101 or POLI 101

LGST 4426. Constitutional Law II: Civil L (3)

Provides an in-depth study of the fundamental principles of individual rights in American federal constitutional law. It surveys the areas of due process, equal protection, state action, and the Bill of Rights. The course will also cover the broader theories of constitutional interpretation.

Prerequisites: POLS 1101 or POLI 101

LGST 4700. Legal Issues in HSEM (3)

This course is designed to provide students with a detailed view of the relationship between the needs of homeland security/emergency management, the Patriot Act and the "traditional concepts" of the legal system. Special emphases are placed on the role of public law, the government's demands for more power and civil liberties.

LGST 4800. Selected Topics- Legal Studies (3)

An exploration of historical or contemporary topics and issues in the field of law.

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LGST 4802. Selected Topics-Legal Studies (3)

An exploration of historical or contemporary topics and issues in the field of law.

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LGST 4803. Selected Topics-Legal Studies (3)

An exploration of historical or contemporary topics and issues in the field of law.

Prerequisites: PARA 1101 or CRJU 1150 or POLS 1101 or SOCI 1101

LGST 4804. Selected Topics-Legal Studies (3)

An exploration of historical or contemporary topics and issues in the field of law.

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LGST 4850. Legal Studies Capstone (3)

This course will provide an opportunity for students to review the major legal concepts taught in the Legal Studies program. It will allow students to see how these different legal practices and theories coalesce into a single legal system.

Prerequisites: PARA 1101

LGST 4910. Pre-Law and Lawyering Skills (3)

This course helps students who are interested in law school to develop their skills in logical reasoning, reading comprehension, and analytical reasoning. Students will also learn about the law school admissions process, life in law school, and different career paths available to attorneys.

Prerequisites: PARA 1101 or POLS 1101 or ENGL 1102