



# Legal Studies B.A./B.S.

The Legal Studies program provides students with a broad understanding of basic principles of the law, and the role and function of the legal system. In addition to preparing students for law-related careers, the program provides a solid foundation for law school. While no specific major is required for admission to law school, a degree in Legal Studies presents students with an unparalleled opportunity for law school preparation. All Legal Studies faculty are graduates of ABA approved law schools, and practice/have practiced the law.

Legal Studies students are encouraged to work closely with their program advisor in planning their degree completion and career goals. Satisfactory completion of the program requirements leads to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Legal Studies. The difference between the two degree types is that the B.A. requires two semesters of college-level foreign language; the B.S. requires two years of high school foreign language. In addition, both degree types are respected the same. Both the B.A. and the B.S. can be completed entirely online.

## Legal Studies Degree Requirements

For requirements of the Legal Studies major, as well as special college and/or department requirements, see the [current catalog](#).

## Core Requirement Courses (15 hours)

Prefix	Course Name	Credit Hours	Prefix	Course Name	Credit Hours
PLA 3014	Law and the Legal System**	3	PLA 4705	Professionalism* (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	3
PLA 3108	Legal Research (1 <sup>st</sup> )	3	PLA 4935 or PLA 4941	Capstone* (4 <sup>th</sup> ) or Internship* (4 <sup>th</sup> )	3
PLA 3155	Legal Writing* (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	3	* These courses have strict pre-requisites, number indicates order of completion.		

All core courses must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" (2.0). \*\*PLA3014: Recommended your first semester in the major.

## PLA Electives

**33 hours** of any Legal Studies courses are **REQUIRED**. Students must select at least **two (2)** courses from **four (4)** of the following areas of concentration (which equals **24 hours**). The additional **9 hours** are your choosing from any of the following concentrations.

## Concentrations (\*Courses are being temporarily placed in the concentration area assigned)

Law and Policy					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3277	The Law of Torts	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4510	Law & Emotion*
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3306	Criminal Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4554	Environmental Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3309	Criminal Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4886	Sexuality, Gender, & the Law*
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4020	Law & Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4887	Law, Social Science, & the Criminal Courts*
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4022	Contemporary Issues in Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4485	Administrative Law
Advocacy					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3205	Civil Practice & Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4240	Negotiation Alternatives in Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3951H	Honors Moot Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4263	Evidence
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4081	Rhetoric & the Law*	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4703	Professional Ethics and Liability
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4160H	Honors Law on Trial: Empirical Legal Scholarship*	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4910	Trial Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4956	Undergraduate Law Journal*	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4226	Advanced Trial Advocacy
Law and Business					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3615	Property & Real Estate Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4607	Estates and Trusts
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4424	The Law of Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4823	Sports Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4436	Florida Partnerships & Corporations	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4825	Entertainment Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4464	Bankruptcy Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4864	Admiralty and Maritime Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4472	Employment Discrimination Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4617	Urban Development Law

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Law and Technology					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3871	Law & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4764	Law Office Practices
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4410H	Intellectual Property Law & Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4861	Aviation Law
Family Matters					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4806	Domestic Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4530	Legal Issues of the Elderly
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4807	Adoption Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4813	Juvenile Law & Procedure
International					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4571	Intercultural Legal Competence	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4843	Immigration Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4830	World Legal Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4834	Study Abroad US/UK Comparative Law

### Supporting Courses

Students must complete **three (3)** hours of supporting courses from the table below, *or students may fulfill this requirement by taking an additional PLA elective*. These courses may have pre-requisites that must be completed prior to enrollment (indicated by \*). Overrides into these courses must be approved by the department offering the course.

Course No.	Course Title	Course No.	Course Title
AMH 3558*	History of American Law	MMC 3200	Mass Communications Law
ANT 3273*	Law and Culture	PAD 4034	Administration of Public Policy
BUL 3130*	Legal and Ethical Environment of Business	PAD 4414	Human Resource Administration
CCJ 3024	Criminal Justice System	PAD 4822	Intergovernmental Administration
CJJ 4564*	Juvenile Justice System	PHM 3401*	Philosophy of Law
CJL 3110	Criminal Law in Action	An <b>Additional</b> PLA Elective	
CJL 4010*	Legal Aspects of Policing	POS 3122	State Government & Public Policy
CJL 4410*	Legal Aspects of the Criminal Court Process	POS 4284	Judicial Process & Politics
CJL 4514*	Criminal Sentencing	POS 4603	American Constitutional Law I
CPO 4062*	Comparative Judicial Process	POS 4604	American Constitutional Law II
ECO 4751*	Law and Economics	POS 4622	Politics and Civil Rights
ENC 3315	Argumentative Writing	REE 3043	Fundamentals of Real Estate
ENC 4354	Writing with Communities and Nonprofits	REE 3433	Real Estate Law
EUH 4504	English Legal History I	REL 4178	Religion Law
GEB 4824*	Business Law in Sport & Entertainment	SOP 3751*	Legal Aspects of Psychology
HFT 3603	Legal Environment in Hospitality & Tourism	SOW 3104	Human Behavior & Social Environment
HFT 4623*	Entertainment Law & Ethics	SOW 4283	Social Work and the Law
HSA 3423	Health Law	SPC 3513	Argumentation & Debate
HSC 4652	Health Law and Ethics	SYP 3510	Sociology of Deviant Behavior
INR 4401	International Law I	SYP 3520	Criminology
INR 4404	Space Law	SYP 3530	Juvenile Delinquency
LIT 3933	Literature and Law	SYP 3540	Sociology and the Law

### Departmental Exit Requirements

- Total Semester Hours required – 120 hours (48 semester hours of upper level courses required)
- PLA course work required to be taken at UCF – 33 hours
- Lower division courses do not substitute for upper division courses

### Second B.A. or B. S.

Students who already have a B.A. or B.S. can obtain a 2<sup>nd</sup> BA/BS in Legal Studies by completing a minimum of 33 new hours at UCF. Students must complete the **five (5)** required Core **and** at least **eighteen (18)** additional hours of PLA electives. Students must select at least one (1) course from three (3) concentration areas. The remaining nine (9) credit hours can be from any concentration.

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