

Legal Studies B.A./B.S.

The Legal Studies program provides students with a broad understanding of basic principles of law and the role and function of the legal system. In addition to preparing students for law-related careers, the program provides a foundation for law school or another graduate-level education. All the full-time Legal Studies faculty members are attorneys and available for law school advising. Satisfactory completion of the program requirements leads to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a major in Legal Studies. Students pursuing the B.A. degree must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to one year at college level.

Legal Studies Degree Requirements

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

Core Requirements (21 hours) *Minimum grade of "C" (2.0)

Prefix	Course Name	Credit Hours	Prefix	Course Name	Credit Hours
PLA 3014	Law and the Legal System	3	PLA 3615	Property and Real Estate Law	3
PLA 3108	Legal Research (1 st)	3	PLA 4703	Professional Ethics and Liability	3
PLA 3155	Legal Writing * (2 nd)	3	PLA 4935	Capstone * (3 rd)	3
PLA 3205	Civil Practice and Procedure	3	* These courses have strict prerequisites; number indicates order of completion.		

PLA Electives

21 additional hours of any Legal Studies courses are required from the following list, check the [current UCF Undergraduate catalog](#) for full course descriptions:

<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 3277	The Law of Torts	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4485	Administrative Law
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 3306	Criminal Law	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4510	Law & Emotion
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 3309	Criminal Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4511	Law and Human Behavior
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 3871	Law and Technology: Drones & AI	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4528	Disability Rights and Protections
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 3951H	Honors Moot Court	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4530	Legal Issues of the Elderly
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4020	Law & Society	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4545	Military Law: The Law of War
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4022	Contemporary Issues in Law	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4554	Environmental Law
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4081	Rhetoric and the Law	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4571	Intercultural Legal Competence
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4160	Law on Trial: Empirical Legal Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4607	Estates and Trusts
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4226	Advanced Trial Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4617	Urban Development Law
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4240	Negotiation Alternatives in Law	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4705	Professionalism and Civility in the Law
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4243	Negotiation in Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4764	Law Office Practices
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4244	Community Mediation and Conflict Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4806	Domestic Relations Law
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4263	Evidence	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4807	Adoption Law
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4410	Intellectual Property Law and Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4813	Juvenile Law and Procedure
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4424	The Law of Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4823	Sports Law
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4436	Florida Partnerships and Corporations	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4825	Entertainment Law
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4464	Bankruptcy Law	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4830	World Legal Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4472	Employment Discrimination Law	<input type="checkbox"/> PLA 4834	Study Abroad: US/UK Comparative Law

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<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4843	Immigration Law and Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4910	Trial Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4861	Aviation Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4942	Mediation Practicum
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4864	Admiralty and Maritime Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4952	Advanced Moot Court
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4886	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4956	Undergraduate Law Journal
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4887	Law, Social Science, and the Criminal Courts			

- Nine (9) hours of internship may be applied to meet this requirement (over the course of three semesters).
- PLA 4020, 4240 and 4910 must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.0)

Supporting Courses

Students pursuing a B.S. must complete 15 hours of supporting courses and students pursuing a B.A. must complete 9 hours of supporting courses from the following list. *In addition to the courses on this list, students may fulfill this requirement by taking additional PLA electives.* These courses may have pre-requisites that must be completed prior to enrollment, check the [current UCF Undergraduate catalog](#) for full course descriptions. 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	PAD 4414	Human Resource Administration
ANT 3273*	Law and Culture	PAD 4822	Intergovernmental Administration
BUL 3130*	Legal and Ethical Environment of Business	PHM 3401*	Philosophy of Law
CCJ 3024	Criminal Justice System	An Additional PLA Elective	
CJJ 4564*	Juvenile Justice System	POS 3122	State Government & Public Policy
CJL 3110	Criminal Law in Action	POS 4284	Judicial Process & Politics
CJL 4010*	Legal Aspects of Policing	POS 4603	American Constitutional Law I
CJL 4410*	Legal Aspects of the Criminal Court Process	POS 4604	American Constitutional Law II
CJL 4514*	Criminal Sentencing	POS 4622	Politics and Civil Rights
CPO 4062*	Comparative Judicial Process	REE 3043	Fundamentals of Real Estate
ECO 4751*	Law and Economics	REE 3433	Real Estate Law
ENC 3315	Argumentative Writing	REL 4178	Religion Law
ENC 4354	Writing with Communities and Nonprofits	SOP 3751*	Legal Aspects of Psychology
EUH 4504	English Legal History I	SOW 3104	Human Behavior & Social Environment
HFT 3603	Legal Environment in Hospitality & Tourism	SOW 4283	Social Work and the Law
HFT 4623*	Entertainment Law & Ethics	SPB 4251*	Business Law in Sport & Entertainment
HSC 4652	Health Law and Ethics	SPC 3513	Argumentation & Debate
INR 4401	International Law I	SYP 3510	Sociology of Deviant Behavior
INR 4404	Space Law	SYP 3520	Criminology
LIT 3933	Literature and Law	SYP 3530	Juvenile Delinquency
MMC 3200	Mass Communications Law	SYP 3540	Sociology and the Law
PAD 4034	Administration of Public Policy		

*indicates prerequisites

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.

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Second B.A. or B.S.

A student who already has a B.A. or B.S. can obtain a second B.A. or B.S. in Legal Studies by completing a minimum of 30 new Legal Studies (PLA) hours at UCF. The student must complete the seven required Core and at least nine (9) additional hours of Legal Studies electives.

Honors in the Major

An Honors in the Major program is available to well-qualified Legal Studies majors. Students in the honors program can conduct research in an area of their choice as well as prepare and defend a written thesis. The option provides serious students with an invaluable experience to better prepare them for graduate and law school and to provide them with the opportunity to enhance their credentials. To qualify for the honors program, a Legal Studies major must have a 3.4 UCF or overall GPA; have completed 60 hours of course work, including 12 credits of upper level credit hours; and have at least two semesters remaining before graduation. Upon completion of the program, the designation of "Graduation with Honors in Legal Studies" will appear on the student's diploma.

Specialization in Legal Studies

The Legal Studies program offers students the opportunity to earn a specialization within the program. All the specializations are appropriate background for students interested in attending law school or graduate school in related disciplines. They are also appropriate for the student who plans to enter the workplace with a Legal Studies degree. Students are not required to pursue a specialization.

Students may earn a specialization within the general program of study. Specialization requirements do not substitute for the Legal Studies degree requirements. However, with planning, specializations may be earned within the existing Legal Studies degree requirements.

Areas of specialization:

● Sports and Entertainment Law	● Criminal Law and Individual Liberties
● Law and Society	● Commercial and Transactional Law
● Litigation and Advocacy	● Estates and Property Law
● Public Law	● Comparative and International Law