



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 foreign language in college; the B.S. requires two years of high school foreign language. Both degree types are respected the same. The degree 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 Requirements (15 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 4705	Professionalism and Civility in the Law* (3 rd)	3
PLA 3108	Legal Research (1 st)	3	PLA 4935 OR PLA 4941	Capstone* (4 th) OR Internship* (4 th)	3
PLA 3155	Legal Writing* (2 nd)	3	* These courses have strict prerequisites; number indicates order of completion.		
** PLA3014: Recommended your <u>first semester</u> in the major.					

PLA Electives

33 hours of any Legal Studies courses are **REQUIRED**. You must select **two (2)** courses from **four (4)** areas of concentration (which equals **24 hours**). You must satisfy the remaining **9 hours** with PLA Electives from any of the following concentration area(s).

Law and Policy					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3277	The Law of Torts	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4510	Law and Emotion
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3306	Criminal Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4511	Law and Human Behavior
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3309	Criminal Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4554	Environmental Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4020	Law and Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4886	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4022	Contemporary Issues in Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4887	Law, Social Science, and the Criminal Courts
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4485	Administrative Law			
Advocacy					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3205	Civil Practice and Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4244	Community Mediation and Conflict Resolution
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3951H	Honors Moot Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4263	Evidence
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4081	Rhetoric and the Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4703	Professional Ethics and Liability
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4160	Law on Trial: Empirical Legal Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4910	Trial Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4226	Advanced Trial Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4942	Mediation Practicum
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4240	Negotiation Alternatives in Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4952	Advanced Moot Court
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4243	Negotiation in Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4956	Undergraduate Law Journal
Law and Business					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3615	Property and Real Estate Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4607	Estates and Trusts
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4424	The Law of Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4617	Urban Development Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4436	Florida Partnerships and Corporations	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4823	Sports Law

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<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4464	Bankruptcy Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4825	Entertainment Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4472	Employment Discrimination Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4864	Admiralty and Maritime Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4525	Disability Rights and Protections			
Law and Technology					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 3871	Law and Technology: Drones & AI	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4764	Law Office Practices
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4410H	Intellectual Property Law and Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4861	Aviation Law
Family Matters					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4530	Legal Issues of the Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4807	Adoption Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4806	Domestic Relations Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4813	Juvenile Law and Procedure
International					
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4545	Military Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4834	Study Abroad US/UK Comparative Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4571	Intercultural Legal Competence	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4843	Immigration Law and Policy
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLA 4830	World Legal Systems			

Supporting Course

You must complete **three (3)** hours of a supporting course, *or you may fulfill this requirement by taking an additional PLA elective*. These courses may have prerequisites 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	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 and Public Policy
CJL 3110	Criminal Law in Action	POS 4284	Judicial Process and 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 and Social Environment
HFT 3603	Legal Environment in Hospitality and Tourism	SOW 4283	Social Work and the Law
HFT 4623*	Entertainment Law and Ethics	SPB 4251*	Business Law in Sport and Entertainment
HSC 4652	Health Law and Ethics	SPC 3513	Argumentation and 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		

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 bachelor's degree can obtain a 2nd degree in Legal Studies by completing a minimum of 33 new hours at UCF. You must complete the **fifteen (15)** hours of Core **and** at least **eighteen (18)** hours of PLA electives. You must select one (1) PLA Elective from three (3) concentration areas. You must satisfy the remaining **9 hours** with PLA Electives from any of the above concentration area(s).

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