



## Bachelor of Science in Business - Legal Studies Minor

Do topics like civil law and legal research fascinate you? Would an understanding of the role of law in business and commerce or knowing how to interface with corporate legal departments help you move into management? The Legal Studies Minor builds a basic foundation in understanding the roles of law, justice, and governance and the impact these have on society, government, and business.

**Minor Requirements – 15 credits**

### Minor Course Descriptions

#### LGS 300 Legal Research and Writing\*

This course presents an introduction to legal analysis, research, and writing through the preparation of legal memoranda and other assignments. This course emphasizes the basic skills and tools of legal analysis and research and the fundamentals of good writing for a legal environment. Students research and write legal memoranda and other documents of increasing length and complexity, develop legal research skills, and learn editing skills and the basics of legal ethics.

\*Prerequisites: ENG 101, ENG 102, and CRT 201

#### LGS 310 Justice System in America

This course examines the criminal justice system as a process, including the laws upon which it is based. The main purpose of the course is to establish an understanding of the roles of police, corrections, probation, and parole and the underlying structure of law and the U.S. legal system.

#### LGS 320 Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative dispute resolution includes a variety of techniques and processes that are often used in lieu of more traditional judicial processes. Negotiation, mediation, and arbitration are the main topics covered in this course. Students explore a variety of scenarios in which alternative dispute resolution may be preferable to litigation.

#### LGS 400 Comparative Law\*

This course examines the role of law in different nations. Differences and commonalities among different legal systems are explored. By giving the student a broad overview of legal systems throughout the world, this course also provides a foundation for a more in-depth study of constitutional, criminal, and civil law.

\*Prerequisite: LGS 300

#### LGS 430 Civil Procedure\*

This course covers both substantive civil law and civil procedure. The role of all participants in civil litigation, from the client interview through the appeals process, is analyzed. Special emphasis is placed on federal civil procedure rules.

\*Prerequisite: LGS 400