

LEGAL STUDIES COURSE GUIDE SPRING SEMESTER 2021

NOTE: To satisfy the Legal Studies Minor requirement, only one course can be required by each of the students' major or minors, or listed (or cross-listed) in each of the students' major or minor departments.

For example, if a Political Science Major takes POSC 404, and uses that class to satisfy a POSC major requirement as well as an LEST minor requirement, no additional POSC courses (or cross-listed courses) may be used toward satisfaction of the LEST minor.

If a student is a Double Major in Political Science and Criminal Justice, and takes POSC 404 and CRJU/LEST 301 to satisfy those two majors (respectively) as well as the LEST minor requirement, no additional POSC courses (or cross-listed courses) or CRJU courses (or cross-listed courses) may be used toward satisfaction of the LEST minor.

LEST/POSC 380 and LEST/CRJU 301 also apply to the anti-overlap limitation.

Section 1:

CORE LEGAL STUDIES COURSES

POSC 380-010 Introduction to Law

MWF 11:15am-12:05pm

Instructor: Rasmussen

**Cross listed with LEST 380-010.

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Note: either LEST 301 or LEST 380 may satisfy core course requirement.

LEST 210-010 The Law and You

Friday 12:20-1:10pm

Instructor: Batchis

Provides an opportunity for students to learn more about how the law affects them directly. Prominent guest speakers cover current issues relating to the law, how it operates and how it may affect students and other members of the university community.

LEST 401-010 Senior Seminar

This course will not be offered in 2021 Spring.

Approved Substitution courses:

FINC 418 Seminar in Corporate Governance

POSC 402 The First Amendment

POSC 403 Civil Liberties

POSC 473 Gender, Sex and Law

Course substitution forms will be processed by Barbara Ford, POSC, after Free Drop/Add for Spring; in February. barbford@udel.edu

Section 2:

INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES

A: Substantive Law Course (complete three credits).

ACCT 350-010 Business Law I

MWF 10:10am-11:00am

Instructor: Coffin

Formation, use and performance of contracts, including both Common Law and the Uniform Commercial Code (Article 2, Sales). Other topics covered include product liability, negotiable instruments and accountants' legal liability. RESTRICTIONS: Requires junior status.

ACCT 351-010 Business Law II

MWF 11:15am-12:05pm

Instructor: Coffin

Covers a variety of areas of law, including agency, partnerships, corporations, unfair competition, debtor-creditor relationships, bankruptcy, secured transactions, real and personal property, wills and trusts. PREREQ: ACCT350. RESTRICTIONS: Requires junior status.

ACCT 352-010 Law and Social Issues in Business	MW 10:10am-11:00am McCloskey
ACCT 352-011 Law and Social Issues in Business	MW 11:15am-12:05pm McCloskey
ACCT 352-012 Law and Social Issues in Business	MWF 10:10am-11:00am Alexander
ACCT 352-013 Law and Social Issues in Business	TR 9:30am-10:45am Moffa
ACCT 352-014 Law and Social Issues in Business	TR 2:00pm-3:15pm Moffa
ACCT 352-015 Law and Social Issues in Business	MWF 12:20pm-1:10pm Alexander
ACCT 352-016 Law and Social Issues in Business	TR 11:00am-12:15pm Moffa
ACCT 352-017 Law and Social Issues in Business	MWF 11:15am-12:05pm Alexander

Focuses on the legal environment of business, including objectives of the law, sources of the law, regulatory and judicial process, and effect of government and society on the formation and evolution of the law. RESTRICTIONS: Not open to accounting majors. Requires sophomore status.

COMM/LEST 345-010 Legal Issues of the Mass Media TR 12:30pm - 1:45pm Dee

Survey of legal issues affecting the development and performance of the mass media. The foundation of American communications law outlined through the study of First Amendment theory, its origin and development. Legal issues concerning libel, obscenity, copyright and broadcast regulation discussed.

CRJU 320-010 Introduction to Criminal Law MWF 11:15 am -12:05 pm Fichtelberg

An analysis of the evolution of criminal law within the larger societal context, and an overview of the basic structure and administration of criminal law in the United States.
PREREQ: CRJU110

CRJU 375-010 Criminal Procedure M 6:00pm-9:00pm Instructor: O'Connor

Intensive analysis of criminal court procedures that occur once a case is actually brought against an accused. Emphasis on trial tactics and procedures.

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M. McDonough

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****Cross-listed with WOMS 473-010****

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Interdisciplinary Courses

B. Electives (complete nine credits 18 Fall to present)

*If you added the minor in 16F or 17F complete six credits of electives.

NOTE: Interdisciplinary Courses must be selected from at least TWO different departments OUTSIDE of the student's major(s).

AFRA 220-010 The Civil Rights Movement MW 5:00pm - 6:15 pm Stanford

Cross listed with HIST 220-010

This course examines African American struggles for freedom, equality, and citizenship from the 1940s to the present.

CRJU 202-010 Problems of Criminal Judiciary MWF 9:05am-9:55am Donnelly

Focuses on problems and issues found in the American criminal court system. Includes court organization, the courtroom work group (prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges), pretrial and trial procedures, and basic criminal law.

CRJU 203-010 Problems of Corrections T R 11:00am-12:15pm Instructor: Kupchik

General overview of the American corrections system and a survey of the most pressing correctional problems of the twenty-first century. Philosophy of punishment extensively discussed. Major emphasis on the nature of the prison experience, alternatives to incarceration, judicial intervention in correctional affairs and the controversy over the efficacy of rehabilitation programs.

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CRJU 324-010/080 American Constitutional History TR 11:00am-12:15pm Rise
Cross listed with HIST 324-010

A survey of constitutionalism in the U.S. from the American Revolution to the present, emphasizing these broad areas of constitutional change: the balance of power between the federal government and the states, the Supreme Court's exercise of judicial review, the growth of presidential power, and the scope of civil rights and civil liberties.

CRJU 425-010 Criminal Law and Social Policy MWF 1:25pm-2:15pm Sanders

Analyzes the role of the American judiciary in making social policy and examines the manner in which the courts have adjudicated controversial socio-legal issues. Topics typically include capital punishment, abortion, the right to privacy, search and seizure, the Miranda rule, and freedom of speech and press.

CRJU 435-010 Punishing Speech TR 12:30pm-1:45pm Rise

Examines the use of the criminal law and other regulatory sanctions to punish certain types of speech and the efforts of courts to determine which speech is deserving of constitutional protection and therefore beyond governmental control.

CRJU 457-010 Criminal Evidence TR 3:30pm-4:45pm Polk

The study of the laws of evidence, how they are used in the criminal courts, and their effect on the administration of justice.

ECON 408-010 Economics of Law MWF 2:30pm-3:20pm Instructor: Daniel

Effect of legal rules on resource allocation both in and between the public and private sectors. Considers common law, regulation and constitutional rules. PREREQ: One of ECON251, ECON255, or ECON300 or ECON301. Same as LEST 408.

EDUC 240-010 Legal and Ethical Issues in American Education T 5:00pm-8:00pm
Instructor: Blacker

Explores ethical and legal controversies in school discipline, intellectual freedom, students' rights, moral and citizenship education, and other professional concerns.

FINC418-010/080 Seminar in Corporate Governance TR 9:30am-10:45am Staff

Examines current issues in corporate governance. Topics include executive compensation, shareholder resolutions and board of director ownership and accountability. PREREQ: FINC311.

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Tues 6:00pm-9:00pm

Instructor: Rennie

Although the courts are by design the least democratic of major American political institutions, they are also essential to maintaining the rule of law and basic rights necessary to a functioning democracy. However, what is the role of politics in the judicial process and what role does the judicial system play in our politics? This course begins with an examination of the structure, process and personnel of our judicial system. Among other topics, we will critically evaluate the judicial nomination process and judicial review. We then explore how courts make decisions, the challenges to their implementation, and the influence they have on public opinion and American Politics. Students who complete this course will have a sophisticated understanding of how Interest Groups, Congress, the President, the Public influences are persuaded by judicial decisions.

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SPTM 315-010 Legal Aspects of Sports Management M 6:00pm-9:00pm Williams

Introduces the legal principles of tort law, agency law, antitrust labor law and constitutional law as they apply to the domestic and global sport industry.

RESTRICTIONS: Open to Junior and Senior Lerner Students only.

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