

LEGAL STUDIES COURSE GUIDE

SPRING SEMESTER 2022

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 TR 09:30am - 10:45am Instructor: Wickenheiser
(ONLINE CLASS)

****Cross-listed with LEST 380-010****

*****Satisfies the College of Arts & Sciences Group C and Univ breadth Social & Behavioral Sciences Breadth Requirement****

Our legal system looms large in our political system, our popular culture, and our everyday lives. This course offers a broad introduction to American law, exposing students to the demands of legal reasoning, the practices of the legal system, and debates in legal scholarship. The class explores the sources, objectives, and content of American law, the structure and processes of federal and state courts, and the functions of the various players who make up the legal system. It includes an overview of select substantive topics, such as criminal, contract, tort, and property law, as well as an examination of broader themes such as the relationship between laws and (in) justice, the historical role of the courts in American politics, everyday experiences with the law, and ways popular culture represents and shapes the legal system.

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

LEST 210-010 The Law and You

F 12:20pm - 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 2022 Spring.

Approved Substitution courses for 2022 Spring graduating SENIORS ONLY:

POSC 363-010, POSC 401-010, POSC 401-011, POSC 404-010, POSC 459-010

CRJU 457-010

FINC 418-010/080, FINC 418-011

UAPP 449

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

Instructor: McCloskey

ACCT 352-011 Law and Social Issues in Business

MW 11:15am-12:05pm

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ACCT 352-012 Law and Social Issues in Business

MWF 10:10am-11:00am

Instructor: Alexander

ACCT 352-013 Law and Social Issues in Business

TR 9:30am-10:45am
Instructor: Moffa

ACCT 352-014 Law and Social Issues in Business

TR 2:00pm-3:15pm
Instructor: Moffa

ACCT 352-015 Law and Social Issues in Business

MWF 12:20pm-1:10pm
Instructor: Alexander

ACCT 352-016 Law and Social Issues in Business

TR 11:00am-12:15pm
Instructor: Moffa

ACCT 352-017 Law and Social Issues in Business

MWF 11:15am-12:05pm
Instructor: Alexander

ACCT352 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 345-010 Legal Issues of the Mass Media
****Cross listed with LEST345-010****

TR 9:30am-10:45am Instructor: 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 10:10am - 11:00am 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

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POSC 401-010 Topics in Law and Politics: LEGAL THEORY

MW 3:35pm - 4:50pm

Not open to Freshmen

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POSC 401-011 Topics in Law and Politics: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(ONLINE CLASS)

Wed 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Instructor: M. McDonough

This course provides an overview of labor and sex trafficking. It includes a focus on international as well as domestic trafficking. Along with an overview, the course covers the international legal framework and the American federal laws that apply to the crime of human trafficking, as well as the challenges faced by both law enforcement and prosecution. Additionally, court diversionary programs will be discussed, including the Delaware Human Trafficking Treatment court program (2012-17) started by the instructor.

The course also addresses alternative approaches tried by other countries, in particular, the Nordic model. The course explores the stigma often attached to human trafficking victims along with current efforts to reduce it. A book written by a sex trafficking survivor about her experiences during and after “the Life” is included to provide insights through the lens of a trafficking survivor. * Students (registered and those on the waiting list) are expected to attend the first class, unless excused.

POSC 459-010 Sexuality and Law
****Cross-listed with WOMS 459-010****

MW 3:35pm-4:50pm Instructor: Rasmussen

Satisfies the College of Arts & Sciences SECOND WRITING requirement

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Interdisciplinary Courses

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

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 - 6:15pm Instructor: Stanford
****Cross listed with HIST 220-010****

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

COMM 345-010 Legal Issues of the Mass Media TR 9:30am -10:45am Instructor: Dee
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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 202-010 Problems of Criminal Judiciary TR 11:00am-12:15pm Instructor: Rise

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 TR 3:30pm-4:45pm 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 12:30pm-1:45pm Instructor: 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 457-010 Criminal Evidence M 6:00pm-9:00pm Instructor: O'Connor

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

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.

FINC 418-010/080 Seminar in Corporate Governance TR 8:00am-9:15am Instructor: Elson

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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HIST 309-010 Money, Markets and Mischief: US Business & Political Economy
MWF 2:30pm-3:20pm Instructor: Russ

A history of the United States as a capitalist civilization, particularly since the nineteenth-century rise of the modern corporation. Emphasis on business history, business-government relations and the larger social history of U.S. political economy.

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POSC 363-010 International Law TR 12:30pm-1:45pm Instructor: Weinert

This case-law oriented course introduces students to international law (IL), broadly defined as “rules and principles of general application dealing with the conduct of states and of international organizations and with their relations inter se, as well as with some of their relations with persons, whether natural or juridical” (Third US Restatement of Foreign Law). We will cover a range of topics, including the sources of international law, subjects (including states, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and individuals), international courts and tribunals, the relationship between the US legal system and international law, and several thematic issues (international law and the use of force, human rights, international criminal law, and the law of the sea). At the end of the semester, we will engage in a simulation that is designed to showcase and put into practice the material and case law covered throughout the semester.

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POSC 404-010 The Judicial Process

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Instructor: Justice S. 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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SOCI 345-010 Sociology of Law MW 8:40am-9:55am Instructor: Babakhani

Analysis of law as a social process in both historical and comparative perspective. Focuses on various theories of law and society and relevant empirical research.

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

Introduces the legal principles of tort law, agency law, antitrust law and constitutional law as they apply to the domestic and global sport industry. RESTRICTIONS: Open to Junior and Senior Lerner Students only.

UAPP 230-010 Law and Public Policy TR 11:00pm-12:15pm Instructor: Ware

This course examines how the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the federal government interact to establish, shape and implement public policy. Using court cases, this course will explore the interactions of the three branches in the context of ongoing debates on a range of important policy issues.

UAPP 449-010 Civil Rights Law and Policy
****Cross listed with UAPP/LEST/AFRA 649.**

TR 2:00pm-3:15pm

Instructor: Ware

Examines the origin and evolution of the laws and policies that govern the rights of African-Americans and other people of color in the United States. Examines emerging approaches to civil rights scholarship and considers the implications of the Supreme Court's recent embrace of a conservative posture in civil rights issues.

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