

Academic Program Sequence Map

Program Degree Type and Name: B.S. Legal Studies--Specialization in Political Science

Catalog Year 2026-2027

Program Level: Undergraduate AcadenAcademic Term Type: Semester

Denote core course with an asterisk and (cc) next to the course number									
Year and Term: Year 1 Fall Term		Credits Per Classification							
Course Number & Title	CR	GE	Maj	OE	SM	Co / Prerequisite(s)	Milestone/Advice		
ENGL 111: Composition I	3	x							
Math 115 or Math 116 or MATH 117	3	x							
Mercy Seminar I: First Year Seminar	3	x							
Gen Ed (Self & Society)	3	x							
SOCL 101: Introduction to Sociology	3								
POLS 101: Political Power in America	3		x				In person		
Term Credit Total:	15	12	3						
Year and Term: Year 2 Fall Term		Credits Per Classification							
Course Number & Title	CR	GE	Maj	OE	SM	Co / Prerequisite(s)	Milestone/Advice		
POLS 301: Constitutional Law/Criminal Justice	3		x						
PARA 260: Legal Research and Writing I OR LAWS 220: The Art of Legal Reasoning	3		x		C+ or better	LAWS 130 (Prreq.)			
Gen Ed (Creative Expression) Recommendation: ENGL 217, 218 or 219	3	x							
Mercy Seminar III: Big Problems	3	x							
Gen Ed (Ethical Reasoning) Recommendation: PHIL 110 Introduction to Philosophy	3	x							
Term Credit Total:	15	9	6	0					
Year and Term: Year 3 Fall Term		Credits Per Classification							
Course Number & Title	CR	GE	Maj	OE	SM	Co / Prerequisite(s)	Milestone/Advice		
LAWS/POLS 364: Community/State/Regional Politics	3		x		B- or better	LAWS 130			
IRDP 372: Model UN Fundamentals	3		x						
LANG 115: Second Language Requirement	3	x							
Open Elective (Recommendation HIST 101 European History to 1500 or HIST 105 European History Since 1500)	3			x					
Open Elective	3			x					
Term Credit Total:	15	3	6	6					
Year and Term: Year 4 Fall Term		Credits Per Classification							
Course Number & Title	CR	GE	Maj	OE	SM	Co / Prerequisite(s)	Milestone/Advice		
Major Elective (Recommendation: POLS 372)	3		x						
Open Elective	3			x					
Year and Term: Year 1 Spring Term		Credits Per Classification							
Course Number & Title	CR	GE	Maj	OE	SM	Co / Prerequisite(s)	Milestone/Advice		
ENGL 112: Composition I	3	x							
Mercy Seminar II: Transformative Ideas	3	x							
COMM 110: Oral Communication	3		x						
Open Elective Recommended: IRDP 110 World Cultures	3			x			Sociology 110	GC	
**LAWS 130: Introduction to Legal Studies	3		x		C or better			GC	
Term Credit Total:	15	6	6	3					
Year and Term: Year 2 Spring Term		Credits Per Classification							
Course Number & Title	CR	GE	Maj	OE	SM	Co / Prerequisite(s)	Milestone/Advice		
*LAWS 361 (cc): Constitution. Law and Policy	3		x		C+ or better	Laws 130			
Major Elective	3		x						
General Education (Humanities) Recommendation: HIST 105 American History Through 1877 or HIST 106 American History Since 1877	3	x							
Gen Ed (Scientific Reasoning)	3	x							
Gen Ed (ENGL110/LANG 115/Elective)	3	x							
Term Credit Total:	15	9	6						
Year and Term: Year 3 Spring Term		Credits Per Classification							
Course Number & Title	CR	GE	Maj	OE	SM	Co / Prerequisite(s)	Milestone/Advice		
IRDP 373: Model UN	3		x						
LANG 116: Second Language Requirement	3	x							
Open Elective	3			x					
Open Elective	3			x					
POLS 370: International Relations	3		x						
Term Credit Total:	15	3	6	6					
Year and Term: Year 4 Spring Term		Credits Per Classification							
Course Number & Title	CR	GE	Maj	OE	SM	Co / Prerequisite(s)	Milestone/Advice		
Major Elective (Recommendation: POLS 380)	3		x					CA, ELC, WBE (if POLS 380 is taken)	
Major Elective (Recommendation: POLS 373)	3		x				POLS 372		

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Open Elective Recommendation HIST 250: The Immigrant Experience	3			x				Open Elective	3			x			
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Open Elective Recommendation	3			x				Open Elective	3			x			
Term Credit Total:	15		3	12				Term Credit Total:	15	0	6	9			
Program Totals	Credits: 120			General Education: 42 (Liberal Arts and Sciences should total 60 credits)				Major & Major Elective: 42				Open Elective: 36			

Legend: CR: Credits GE: General Education Maj: Major / Major Elective OE: Open Elective SM: Success Marker Co/Prerequisite(s): List of co/ prerequites for noted course GC: Gateway Course CA: Career Activity ELC: Experiential Learning Course WBE: Work-Based Experience

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