

LEGAL STUDIES (LEGL)

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LEGL 112 Law, Politics, and Justice 3 Units GE, USD

Typically Offered: Fall only

An introduction to the structure, composition, and performance of the judicial process and its role in the resolution of societal conflicts. Following an examination into the nature of law, the course focuses on the essential actors in the process and review the performance of their roles. Issues critical to a free society freedom of speech, rights of the accused, equal protection and their impact on certain populations are studied to illustrate the politics of distributing "justice" by means of the courts. 3 hours lecture. (007470)

General Education: Social Sciences (D)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Lower Division; US Diversity

LEGL 251 Introduction to Legal Studies 3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

Social science-based analysis of the interaction of law and its social contexts. Course elements include fundamentals of legal systems, their institutional structures, and critical issues. Case studies and interpretive themes will provide analytical focus. 3 hours lecture. (022301)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Lower Division

LEGL 258 Criminal Law 3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course serves as an introduction to substantive criminal law - the law of crimes and of defenses. 3 hours lecture. (001603)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Lower Division

LEGL 356 Legal Analysis 3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall only

The objective of this course is to teach students legal analysis using Socratic method, briefing cases, and law-school-type examinations. The course will be aimed at students considering law school. 3 hours lecture. (007583)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

LEGL 365W Theories, Practices, and Administration of Justice (W) 3 Units GE, USD, W

Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course introduces students to the theories and practices of justice, as well as the administration of justice. As a writing intensive course, students examine pertinent justice issues of local, national, or international significance, identify the theory (or theories) of justice relevant to the situation, and investigate how justice was (or was not) administered. 3 hours lecture. (007600)

General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Equity, Ethics, and Policy Pathway

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division; US Diversity; Writing Course

LEGL 401W Sexual Minorities Law/Politics (W) 3 Units GE, USD, W

Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.

Typically Offered: Spring only

Students examine how the law (made by judges, legislators, and voters) has influenced and continues to influence the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals. Students critically analyze how the rights of sexual minorities have developed or failed to develop. The class includes discussion of gay movements' politics, accomplishments, and opponents. Finally, contemporary issues surrounding legal and political issues that impact sexual minorities are addressed. 3 hours lecture. (020186)

General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Gender and Sexuality Pathway

Cross listing(s): MCGS 401W

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division; US Diversity; Writing Course

LEGL 450 Criminal Procedure 3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall only

The machinery of criminal justice in theory and practice; the significance of the rule of law and its exceptions in the actual administration of justice. This course will concentrate on the application of the fourth, fifth, and sixth amendments to the U.S. Constitution in the administration of justice and the application of modern behavioral research as it applies to police and court administration. 3 hours lecture. (007588)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

LEGL 451A Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints 3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall only

Analysis of judicial cases and related materials illustrating historical and current interpretations of constitutional problems such as the powers of the courts, congress, and President; and the balance of federal-state power in such areas as commerce and taxation. 3 hours lecture. (007577)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

LEGL 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties 3 Units**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

Analysis of judicial cases and related materials illustrating historical and current interpretations of constitutional problems such as racial discrimination, criminal procedures, and freedom of speech and religion. 3 hours lecture. (005645)

Cross listing(s): MCGS 451B**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**LEGL 452 Alternative Dispute Resolution 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Spring only

Focus on the various methods of negotiation and dispute resolution including mediation and arbitration with primary emphasis on the legal rights and principles involved in alternative dispute resolution especially in the process of arbitration. Major social and scientific theories of conflict will be explored as well as conventional disciplines and new approaches of conflict avoidance and resolution. Ethical issues involved in negotiation, mediation, and arbitration will be covered. 3 hours lecture. (007579)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**LEGL 454W Legal Research and Writing (W) 3 Units W****Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

Learn techniques of legal research and writing. Write briefs, memoranda, and other legal documents based on library research with cases, treatises, law reviews, statutes, regulations, etc. 3 hours lecture. (007581)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division; Writing Course**LEGL 455 Civil Litigation 3 Units****Prerequisite:** LEGL 454W (may be taken concurrently).**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

In this course, students learn court system and jurisdictional issues, as well as follow a civil case from the first client interview through preparation for trial. The course focuses on the legal ethics and professional responsibility of paralegals and legal professionals in the civil litigation process, including topics such as calendaring, pleadings, court forms, discovery methods, motion practice, and other legal documents and tasks encountered by professionals in the legal field. 3 hours lecture. (007582)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**LEGL 459 Senior Seminar in Legal Studies 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is a senior seminar on selected topics in legal studies. 3 hours seminar. (007587)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**LEGL 461 Environmental Politics and Policy 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Spring only

Investigation and analysis of the political nature of the environmental crisis in the United States and the development of legal and administrative mechanisms for handling environmental problems. 3 hours lecture. (007596)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division; Sustainable Course**LEGL 464 Administrative Law 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Spring only

Study of the role of administrative law in American government. Scope and implications of discretionary decision-making. 3 hours lecture. (007599)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**LEGL 468 Planning Law 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

Review and analysis of the present and changing nature of planning and land-use control law, particularly as the law is applied in California. 3 hours seminar. (007605)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division; Sustainable Course**LEGL 481 Law and Disadvantaged Persons 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

Explores legal issues facing the poor, older adults, disabled, and minorities, and how to advance the legal rights of the disadvantaged. Family law, consumerism, small claims court, Social Security, welfare law, and landlord/tenant rights are addressed from theoretical and practical perspectives, with an emphasis on advocating those rights. 3 hours lecture. (009431)

Cross listing(s): SWRK 481**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**LEGL 489K Internship in Legal Studies 3 Units****Prerequisite:** Faculty permission.**Typically Offered:** Spring, summer, fall

Field work in a public or private law office. Work supervised by attorneys in cooperating legal organizations. LEGL 454W Legal Research and Writing is highly recommended for placement in private or public law offices. 9 hours independent study. (007621)

Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**LEGL 490 Legal Clinic Practicum 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Spring, summer, fall

Students engage in practical work at the on-campus Community Legal Information Clinic under the supervision of a faculty member and also participate in seminar and training workshops that focus on the substantive law, doctrine, theory, skills, and ethical questions that arise in the legal practice area. 3 hours clinical. (021759)

Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

LEGL 491 Trial and Appellate Advocacy 3 Units

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing.

Typically Offered: Spring only

Participation in mock trials and other law activities. Oral argument, legal research, and brief-writing. Must participate in the moot court competition. 3 hours lecture. (007632)

Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

LEGL 495 Community Legal Information Clinic Directorship 1-15 Units

Prerequisite: Approval of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course directs students through the process of being a director at the Community Legal Information Clinic (CLIC). As a director of CLIC, the students have the opportunity to take on significant administrative responsibilities for the day-to-day operations of the on-campus law clinic. Registration for this course is attained through an application process in the spring semester. Enrollment in this course is required in both the fall and spring semesters. In addition, each director will have CLIC responsibilities during the summer and intersession. Only a total of 3.0 units of this course may be counted towards the requirements of the major or the Paralegal Certificate. 3 hours supervision. (020651)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division