

Legal Studies

Undergraduate Degree Programs

General B.A., 4-Year, Legal Studies

Honours B.A., Legal Studies

Honours B.A., Legal Studies, Arts and Business, Regular

Honours B.A., Legal Studies, Arts and Business, Co-op

Joint Honours with Legal Studies

Joint Honours, Legal Studies/Sociology and Criminology

Specialization

Option in Legal Studies and Criminology

Our Legal Studies degree is intended for students who wish to develop an understanding of the impact of law and the legal system upon society through legislatures, courts, regulatory agencies, business, and law enforcement agencies.

The law, its structure and institutions are essential elements of organized human endeavour and civilization. The study of law has been a recognized scholarly discipline since ancient times. Today, academic examination extends not only to the law itself but to all aspects of its role in and impact upon society. At the University of Waterloo, a large number of faculty research and teach about the law itself, its history, sociology, diverse cultural origins and impact. The interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary degree in Legal Studies provides students with the opportunity to examine the legal system from the viewpoint of a broad range of disciplines.

The Legal Studies degree incorporates areas of learning that would not otherwise be acquired in a standard legal education. It provides students with a sound foundation for understanding the role of law and regulation in society at large and in business and the not-for-profit sector in particular. For those students coming to the University with already formed career aspirations, this program will provide an excellent academic background for further studies or training. The program makes no claim to being a "Pre-Law" program but is a program of Legal Studies. The Legal Studies degree is not intended as either a necessary or sufficient condition for application to law school. However, a considerable number of Legal Studies students successfully apply to law school and related graduate degree programs.

Courses in the Major

Legal Studies

Introduction to Legal Studies

Introduction to Criminal Law

Women and the Law

Senior Honours Seminar in Legal Studies 1

Senior Honours Seminar in Legal Studies 2

Social Statistics

Introduction to Research Methods

Socio-Legal Responses to Crime

Accounting and Financial Management

Business Law

Professional Ethics for Financial Managers

Classical Studies

History of Ancient Law

Economics

Economics and Law

English

Legal Writing

Environmental Studies

Introduction to Environmental and Planning Law

Environmental Law

History

History of Ancient Law

Law and Society in the Middle Ages

Canadian Legal History

Origins of the Common Law

International Studies

Introduction to International Studies

Interdisciplinary Social Science

The Evolution of Family Law in Canadian Society

Peace and Conflict Studies

Conflict Resolution

Negotiation: Theories and Strategies

Philosophy

Professional and Business Ethics

Philosophy of Law

Planning

Planning Law

The Legal Studies and Criminology Option (LS&C)

The Legal Studies & Criminology Option is open to students in other Arts majors (e.g., Political Science, Psychology, Sociology) or non-major students and consists of ten courses chosen from both Legal Studies and Criminology offerings. Legal Studies courses focus on legal systems, types of legislation, and political, ethical and legal issues relevant to modern social life. The Criminology side of the Option focuses on crime and theoretical perspectives as they apply to our responses to criminal behaviour. *(Option is not available for Legal Studies majors)*

Co-operative Programs in Arts

Honours Legal Studies students may pursue co-operative education through:

Arts and Business Co-op - a direct entry program through which students complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, economics, languages, history, political science, business management, and leadership training. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four-month rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

- Digital Arts Communication
- Global Engagement
- Human Resources Management
- International Trade

Courses (cont'd)

Political Science

Classics in Political Thought 2
Canadian Government and Politics
The Canadian Legal Process
Issues in Canadian Criminal Law
Organized Crime and Politics

Psychology

Psychology and Law
Criminal Profiling

Sociology

Victims and Society
Juvenile Delinquency
Deviance: Perspectives and Processes
Juvenile Justice
Criminology
Sociology of Corrections
Selected Topics in Criminology
Sociology of Mental Disorder
Sexuality and the Law
Policing in a Democratic Society
Sociology of Law
Sentencing as a Social Process

Speech Communication

Communication and Social Justice

Women's Studies

Women and the Law

For more information about Legal Studies, please visit:

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