

Department of Political Science

Special Programs

Pre-Law Program

The Department of Political Science is responsible for the College's pre-law program.. Students who intend to pursue law degrees are encouraged to take the following cognate courses:

Bus 225 Legal Environment of Business

Bus 202 Critical Thinking

Bus 265 Advanced Composition

International Studies Program

The International Studies Program at Morehouse offers an interdisciplinary major designed to meet the growing demand for skills in the analysis and solution of contemporary world problems, including the special need to prepare African-Americans for career opportunities and service in International Affairs. The program includes pre-professional training for individuals interested in careers in government (national, state and local) business law, and journalism as well as careers as translators, interpreters, and literary critics. This undergraduate program also includes preparation for graduate and professional studies.

Although the students of International Studies have usually come from the traditional discipline of political science, a growing number of students from other disciplines are becoming interested in the greater world in which we live - the economic, social and cultural forces in the international community which shape our lives, and the important issue of peaceful coexistence. In response to this trend, the program permits students majoring in International Studies to emphasize either political science, sociology, economics, the humanities or natural sciences.

In order to major in International studies, the student must complete 39 core hours including ECO 201, SOC 202 or ENG 354, one course in History of a region of the world, two Advanced Foreign Language courses, PSC 285, PSC 479 or PSC 363 (Spelman, American Foreign Policy), PSC 480 or PSC 385, PSC 484, PSC 228, PSC 487 or ECO 202, PSC 291 or PSC 475 or PSC 477 and ISP 499.

Students will also choose 6 hours of electives (including internship, and 15 hours in a disciplinary concentration - Business and Economics, Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences.

In consultation with the program director, a student majoring in International Studies will select 21 hours of electives to design a concentration that reflects his individual interest and needs. It is advisable for students in the program to study abroad.

Please refer to the Morehouse Catalog to see Major Core Course requirements.

Department of Political Science**Curriculum**

To graduate with a major in Political Science, a student must complete 52-two course hours distributed as follows with no grade below C.

Core Curriculum 34 Hours

PSC 223 Comparative Politics 3 Hours

PSC 251 National Government of the United States 3 Hours

PSC 252 State and Local Politics 3 Hours

PSC 253 Grammar of Politics 3 Hours

PSC 285 International Politics 3 Hours

PSC 348 Constitutional Law 3 Hours

PSC 350 Race and Law* 3 Hours

PSC 371 Public Management 3 Hours

PSC 372 Urban Management and Policy Analysis* 3 Hours

PSC 461 History of Political Thought 3 Hours

PSC 462 Modern Political Theory 3 Hours

PSC 498 Proseminar 3 Hours

PSC 499 Senior Thesis Seminar 1 Hour

Cognate Courses 15 Hours

Oral Communication Effectiveness 3 Hours

All majors must take cognate courses Economics 201-202, which are included in the 15-hour cognate course requirement.

*Students may take either PSC 350 or PSC 372, depending on their career goals.

Degree Requirements for the Minor

Students electing to take a minor in Political Science must complete eighteen hours in the discipline with no grade less than C. The following courses constitute the minor:

PSC 228 Comparative Politics

PSC 285 International Politics

PSC 251 National Government of the United States

PSC 253 Grammar of Politics (Scope and Methods in Political Science)

PSC 461 History of Political Thought or

PSC 462 Modern Political Theory

One elective course in Political Science (3 Hours).

I. Legal Studies

* Required for the concentration if not taken as major requirement

Course Num	Course Title	Credit Hours
POLS 3300	U.S. Constitution & Courts *	3
POLS 3315	American Constitutional Law: Federalism	3
POLS 3320	Legal Research	3
POLS 4405	Comparative Legal Systems	3
POLS 4410	American Legal System	3
POLS 4411	Criminal Law	3
POLS 4415	Civil Liberties	3
POLS 4416	Law & Gender	3
POLS 4420	Judicial Process	3
POLS 4427	American Political Thought	3
POLS 4466	Trial Procedure & Evidence	3
POLS 4470	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3

Legal Studies Minor

The interdisciplinary minor in Legal Studies formally guides and encourages the exploration of law and its influence in society. The curriculum blends challenging course options in students' home disciplines with relevant interdisciplinary electives to facilitate an interest in and an appreciation for the beneficial application of theory and research through the vehicle of law.

The 21 credit hour minor consists of 6 uniformly required courses and 3 directed electives

Students must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative TTU GPA to declare Legal Studies

A grade of C or better in each class is needed to complete minor requirements

A minimum of nine credits must be completed in residence at Texas Tech University

For more information or to meet with a Legal Studies Advisor, please email prelaw@ttu.edu or call 806-742-2189

As you select which elective courses you will include on your Legal Studies Minor, it is your responsibility to consider the prerequisites for each course. Refer to your Undergraduate Catalog for course prerequisite information. *DO NOT WAIT* until the last semester (or even your last year) before graduation to take your Legal Studies Minor courses. Not all courses are offered every semester. *Unfortunately, your failure to prepare and plan ahead could result in your graduation being delayed.*

LEGAL STUDIES MINOR REQUIRED COURSEWORK

With emphasis on academic and institutional engagement, utilization of resources, intellectual agility, and future application, the following 12 credit hours of coursework are required for all Legal Studies Minor students.

IS 1100: Tech Transition: Freshman Seminar

For Freshmen only! All other students must see Legal Studies Advisor for substitution requirements, proposal, and approval.

LIBR 1100: Introduction to Library Research

PHIL 2310: Logic

ENGL 2311: Introduction to Technical Writing

COMS 3313: Persuasion

IS 4100: Strengths-Based Senior Seminar

ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

The remaining 9 credit hours will be divided among the three curricular learning objectives of the minor: Communication, Social Science, and Professional Practice. Student will select one course from each category. Courses required explicitly and without alternative by a student's declared major may not be used to fulfill elective coursework in the Legal Studies minor.

COMMUNICATION ELECTIVES

COMS 3314: Argumentation & Debate

COMS 3332: Intercultural Communication

COMS 3356: Leadership & Communication

ENGL 2391: Introduction to Critical Writing

ENGL 3362: Rhetorical Criticism

ENGL 3365: Professional Report Writing

MCOM 3320: Mass Communications Law

THA 2301: Introduction to Acting

SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES

HDFS 4343: Family Law & Public Policy

HIST 4324: Courts & Capitalism

PHIL 2320: Introduction to Ethics

PHIL 3321 : Philosophy of Law
 POLS 3350: Criminal Process
 POLS 3351: The Judicial Process
 POLS 3352: Constitutional Law: Powers
 POLS 3353: Constitutional Law: Limitations
 PSY 4305: Abnormal Psychology
 SOC 3327: Sociology of Law & Policing
 WS 4327 or HIST 4327: Gender, Race, & Class in U.S. Law

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ELECTIVES

AAEC 4320: Agribusiness Law
 AHCM 4314: Quality Assurance and Risk Management
 AHCM 4318: Healthcare Law and Ethics
 ARCH 5392: Professional Practice
 BA 3302: Financial & Managerial Accounting
 BLAW: Business Law (choose any course)
 ECO 3326: Industrial Organization, Antitrust, & Reg.
 EDLD 5340: Educational Law
 ENGR 4392: Engineering Ethics & Impact on Society
 HONS 2311: Seminar in International Affairs
 PFP 3301: Personal & Family Finance
 PSY 4384: Forensic Psychology
 RHIM 4313: Legal Aspects of Hospitality Industry
 WE 4311: Wind Energy Law and Regulatory Issues (*new course, to be offered starting Spring 2012. Open to all Legal Studies minors.*)

TTU PRELAW PROGRAM

Students who are interested in attending law school should begin preparing long before graduation. The discipline of law is for students who are interested in combining precision in thinking, researching, and writing with a desire to work with people. While many graduates of law choose to practice in the courtroom, others leverage their newly developed skills to excel in other fields. A law education equips students for success in a law practice, public service, teaching, and business. Through a structured four-year process, the TTU Prelaw Program cultivates the undergraduate to become a confident and articulate law school applicant bearing exceptional qualifications.