

Legal Studies Major Advising Checklist

(Effective Fall 2009 Catalog Year or later)

Name: _____ Student Number: G_____

I. CORE REQUIREMENTS (24 Credits) – All students must complete the following 8 courses	
_____ LS 201 Introduction to Law (Fall & Winter)	_____ LS 426 Civil Litigation (Fall) (Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently*)
_____ LS 324 Legal Research & Writing (Fall & Winter) (Prerequisite: LS 201)	_____ LS 428 Factual Investigation (Winter) This class will be offered in winter semester effective Winter 2012. (Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently*)
_____ LS 420 Property & Probate Law (Fall) (Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently*)	_____ LS 490 Legal Studies Internship (Prerequisites: LS 201, LS324, Senior Standing, Permission of instructor by completed application the semester before experience, and LS 426 - prior or concurrently to LS490)
_____ LS 422 Commercial Law (Winter) (Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently*)	_____ LS 495 Legal Thought (Capstone) (Fall & Winter) Effective Fall 2011 the course will be offered twice a year as demand supports it. (Prerequisites: LS 201, LS324, and Senior Standing)
*Although LS201 can be taken concurrently with LS420, LS422, LS426, LS428 you should meet with an advisor to determine if it's appropriate for your academic plan and timeline. You may be better served by taking the courses separately if possible.	
II. DEGREE COGNATE – All students must complete either the BA or BS degree sequence	
Bachelor of Arts (BA)	Bachelor of Science (BS)
_____ 3rd semester proficiency in a foreign language	_____ STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics (Prerequisite: MTH 110)
Please see the Modern Languages and Literature Department for testing and placement.	_____ CJ 300 Research Methods (Prerequisite: STA 215, CJ or LS major, and Junior standing)
	_____ CJ 400 Qualitative Methods (Prerequisite: CJ300)
III. ELECTIVES (12 Credits) – All students must complete 12 additional credit hours of course work from the following:	
_____ ACC 212 Principles of Financial Accounting	
AND Select three courses from the following:	
_____ CS 150 Introduction to Computing	_____ LS 350 Family Law
_____ CJ 302 Criminal Law	_____ LS/WGS 370 Women and the Law
_____ CJ305 Constitutional Rights & Civil Liberties	_____ LS380 Special Topics
_____ LS/CJ408 White Collar & Corporate Crime	_____ LS399 Independent Reading or LS499 Independent Study
_____ CJ444 Forensic Behavior & the Law	_____ WRT 350 Business Communication (Prerequisites: WRT 150)

Please see the reverse side for other important information.

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General Education Themes: The following course can be found in a theme as outlined below.

LS 370 – Theme 8: Gender, Society, & Culture

Legal Studies Minors: Students must complete the following courses to complete the minor.

LS 201, LS 324, LS 420, LS 422, LS 426, LS 428 and either LS 490 or 495

General Electives: Students are encouraged to use their elective credits to pursue either a minor or second major in another discipline. Recommended areas include business, computer science, health sciences, biology, chemistry, natural resources management, or journalism.

Legal Education Admissions Program (LEAP)

The Grand Valley School of Criminal Justice and the Michigan State University - College of Law have partnered to offer a 3 + 3 program which provides Legal Studies majors with the opportunity to earn a B.S. or B.A. and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) in approximately six years of study.

Interested students complete a minimum of 91 credits comprising the required undergraduate courses in their first three years of study at Grand Valley. This includes all university-level requirements as well as the requirements for the Legal Studies major. Upon admission to the law school, Legal Studies students complete their undergraduate electives with law school courses. Up to 29 credits of MSU-CL work in which the student has earned a 2.0 or above will be accepted. The B.S. or B.A. will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the number of credits and requirements necessary for the undergraduate program.

The Legal Education Admission Program (LEAP) is open only to those students who matriculate as first-year students at Grand Valley. Students may apply any time prior to their senior year for consideration under the program. A Joint Committee that is comprised of faculty from both institutions will admit students to the LEAP program on the basis of undergraduate record, ACT scores and other information deemed relevant. In order to be eligible for consideration for final admission to MSU-CL, students enrolled in the 3 + 3 program must have earned an aggregate Grand Valley grade point average of 3.5 or above, achieve an LSAT score of 156 or above, and satisfy any other current MSU-CL admission requirements.

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