### Legal Studies Major Advising Checklist

**(Effective for students who entered Fall 2016 or later)**

#### I. All students must complete the Major Core Courses as indicated below (24 credits)

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<td>LS 201</td>
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| LS 426      | Civil Litigation I  
  *(Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently)* |
| LS 324      | Legal Research & Writing (SWS)  
  *(Prerequisites: LS 201 & WRT150 – both with C grade or better)* |
| LS 428      | Civil Litigation II  
  *(Prerequisite: LS 201 and LS426)* |
| LS 420      | Property & Probate Law  
  *(Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently)* |
| LS 490      | Legal Studies Internship  
  *(Prerequisites: LS 201, LS324, Senior Standing, Permission of Internship Coordinator, and LS426 prior or concurrent)* |
| LS 422      | Commercial Law  
  *(Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently)* |
| LS 495      | Legal Thought  
  *(Prerequisites: LS 201, LS324, and Senior Standing)* |

*Although LS201 can be taken concurrently with LS420, LS422, and LS426 you should meet with an advisor to determine if it’s appropriate for your academic plan and timeline. You will be better prepared by taking the courses in the recommended order.*

#### II. All students must complete either the BA or BS Degree Sequence

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| ______ 3rd semester proficiency in a foreign language | ______ STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics  
  *(Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent)* |
| Please see the Modern Languages and Literature Department for testing and placement. | ______ CJ 300 Research Methods  
  *(Prerequisite: STA 215 and Junior standing)* |
| 101 → 102 → 201 | ______ CIS 150 Introduction to Computing  
  *(Prerequisite: STA 215 and Junior standing)* |

**III. All students must complete Major Electives for their degree choice as indicated below (12 credits)**

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<td>______ ACC 212 Principles of Financial Accounting</td>
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| ______ LS 350 Family Law  
  *(Offered winter semester of odd numbered years)* | ______ LS 350 Family Law  
  *(Offered winter semester of odd numbered years)* |
| ______ LS/WGS 370 Women and the Law  
  *(Offered winter semester; Pre-requisite: Junior Standing)* | ______ LS/WGS 370 Women and the Law  
  *(Offered winter semester; Pre-requisite: Junior Standing)* |
| ______ LS 380 Special Topics | ______ LS 380 Special Topics |
| ______ LS 399 Independent Reading | ______ LS 399 Independent Reading |
| ______ LS 499 Independent Study | ______ LS 499 Independent Study |
| ______ MGT 334 Employment & Labor Law  
  *(Pre-requisite: Junior Standing & 2.75 GPA)* | ______ MGT 334 Employment & Labor Law  
  *(Pre-requisite: Junior Standing & 2.75 GPA)* |
| ______ PLS 307 American Constitutional Law II  
  *(Pre-requisite: PLS102 or Junior Standing)* | ______ PLS 307 American Constitutional Law II  
  *(Pre-requisite: PLS102 or Junior Standing)* |

Please see the reverse side for other important information.

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Legal Studies Minors: Students pursuing other majors may complete the following courses to complete the
Legal Studies Minor

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

see other side of this page for course titles, pre-requisites and offerings

General Electives: Students are encouraged to use their elective credits to pursue either a minor or second
major in another discipline.

Legal Education Admission 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 3.6 or above, achieve an LSAT
score of 156 or above, and satisfy any other current MSU-CL admission requirements.