

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)	
_____ LS 201 Introduction to Law	_____ 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 <u>either</u> 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 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
III. All students must complete Major Electives for their degree choice as indicated below (12 credits)	
Bachelor of Arts (BA)	Bachelor of Science (BS)
_____ CIS 150 Introduction to Computing	
_____ ACC 212 Principles of Financial Accounting	_____ ACC 212 Principles of Financial Accounting
AND select TWO courses from the following:	AND select THREE courses from the following:
_____ CJ 302 Criminal Law	_____ CJ 302 Criminal Law
_____ CJ 305 Constitutional Rights & Civil Liberties	_____ CJ 305 Constitutional Rights & Civil Liberties
_____ 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.

Criminal Justice Minor (21 credits)	
LS majors who are interested may consider CJ as a possible minor with only 5 courses necessary (in addition to those that count toward the LS major) to complete the requirements.	CJ Electives: Students must choose a total of 12 credits of CJ minor electives from the following:
<p>_____ CJ 101 Justice & Society (3 credits) (Fulfills 1 course for Gen Ed Foundation/Social Science)</p> <p>_____ CJ 201 Criminology (3 credits) (Prerequisite: CJ 101)</p> <p>_____ CJ 305 Constitutional Rights & Civil Liberties (3 credits) <i>*Counts in LS Major Electives</i></p> <p>12 additional credits of CJ electives (see CJ Electives section)</p> <p>_____ CJ 302 (3 credits) <i>*Counts in LS Major Electives</i></p> <p>_____ CJ _____ (_____ credits)</p> <p>_____ CJ _____ (_____ credits)</p> <p>_____ CJ _____ (_____ credits)</p>	<p>CJ 302 Criminal Law Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 311 Criminal Investigation Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 312 Police Process Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 315 Principles of Security Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 320 Crimes Against Women Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 325 Criminal Justice and Human Rights Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 330 Correctional Process Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 340 Courts Process Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 350 Juvenile Justice Process Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 355 Youth Culture and Crime Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 360 Inside Out Prison Exchange Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 380 Special Topics Credits: 1 to 3</p> <p>CJ 399 Independent Readings Credits: 1 to 3</p> <p>CJ 405 Terrorism Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 408 White-Collar and Corporate Crime Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 420 Juvenile Correctional Counseling Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 442 Victimology Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 444 Forensic Behavior & the Law Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 464 Security Management Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 482 Culture, Crime, and Justice Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 490 Criminal Justice Internship Credits: 1 to 9</p> <p>CJ 495 Issues in Criminal Justice (capstone) Credits: 3</p> <p>CJ 499 Independent Study and Research Credits: 1 to 3</p>

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.