

# Legal Studies Major Advising Checklist

(Effective Fall 2014 through Spring/Summer 2016 – expires August 2023)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: G\_\_\_\_\_

I. CORE REQUIREMENTS (24 Credits) – All students must complete the following 8 courses	
_____ <b>LS 201 Introduction to Law</b>	_____ <b>LS 426 Civil Litigation I</b> <i>(Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently*)</i>
_____ <b>LS 324 Legal Research &amp; Writing (SWS)</b> <i>(Prerequisites: LS 201 &amp; WRT150 – both with C grade or better)</i>	_____ <b>LS 428 Civil Litigation II</b> <i>(Prerequisite: LS 201 and LS426)</i> <i>Formerly titled Factual Investigation</i>
_____ <b>LS 420 Property &amp; Probate Law</b> <i>(Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently*)</i>	_____ <b>LS 490 Legal Studies Internship</b> <i>(Prerequisites: LS 201, LS324, Senior Standing, Permission of Internship Coordinator, and LS426 prior or concurrent)</i>
_____ <b>LS 422 Commercial Law</b> <i>(Prerequisite: LS 201, may be taken concurrently*)</i>	_____ <b>LS 495 Legal Thought</b> <i>(Prerequisites: LS 201, LS324, and Senior Standing)</i>
*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 for success by taking the courses in the recommended order.	
II. DEGREE COGNATE – All students must complete <u>either</u> the BA or BS degree sequence	
Bachelor of Arts (BA)	Bachelor of Science (BS)
_____ 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester proficiency in a foreign language	_____ <b>STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics</b> <i>(Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent)</i>
Please see the Modern Languages and Literature Department for testing and placement.	_____ <b>CJ 300 Research Methods</b> <i>(Prerequisite: STA 215 and Junior standing)</i>
<b>101 → 102 → 201</b>	_____ <b>CJ 400 Qualitative Methods (SWS)</b> <i>(Prerequisite: CJ300 and WRT150 with a C grade or better)</i>
III. ELECTIVES (12 Credits) – All students must complete 12 additional credit hours of course work from the following:	
_____ <b>ACC 212 Principles of Financial Accounting</b>	_____ <b>CIS 150 Introduction to Computing</b>
AND Select two courses from the following:	
_____ <b>CJ 302 Criminal Law</b>	_____ <b>LS 350 Family Law</b> <i>(Offered winter semester of odd numbered years)</i>
_____ <b>CJ305 Constitutional Rights &amp; Civil Liberties</b>	_____ <b>LS/WGS 370 Women and the Law</b> <i>(Offered winter semester; Pre-requisite: Junior Standing)</i>
_____ <b>CJ/LS408 White Collar &amp; Corporate Crime</b> <i>(Offered winter semester of even numbered years)</i>	_____ <b>LS380 Special Topics</b>
_____ <b>CJ444 Forensic Behavior &amp; the Law</b> <i>(Prerequisite: Junior Standing)</i>	_____ <b>LS399 Independent Reading or LS499 Independent Study</b>
	_____ <b>WRT 350 Business Communication</b> <i>(Prerequisites: WRT 150)</i>

**Please see the reverse side for other important information.**

<b>Criminal Justice Minor (21 credits)</b>	
<p>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.</p>	<p><b>CJ Electives:</b> Students must choose a total of 12 credits of CJ minor electives from the following:</p>
<p>_____ <b>CJ 101 Justice &amp; Society (3 credits)</b> <i>(Fulfills 1 course for Gen Ed Foundation/Social Science)</i></p> <p>_____ <b>CJ 201 Criminology (3 credits)</b> <i>(Prerequisite: CJ 101)</i></p> <p>_____ <b>CJ 305 Constitutional Rights &amp; Civil Liberties (3 credits)</b> <i>*Counts in LS Major Electives</i></p> <p><b>12 additional credits of CJ electives (see CJ Electives section)</b></p> <p>_____ <b>CJ 302 or CJ408 or CJ444 (3 credits)</b> <i>*Counts in LS Major</i></p> <p>_____ <b>CJ</b> _____ ( _____ credits)</p> <p>_____ <b>CJ</b> _____ ( _____ credits)</p> <p>_____ <b>CJ</b> _____ ( _____ credits)</p>	<p>CJ 302 Criminal Law Credits: 3            CJ 311 Criminal Investigation Credits: 3            CJ 312 Police Process Credits: 3            CJ 315 Principles of Security Credits: 3            CJ 320 Crimes Against Women Credits: 3            CJ 325 Criminal Justice and Human Rights Credits: 3            CJ 330 Correctional Process Credits: 3            CJ 340 Courts Process Credits: 3            CJ 350 Juvenile Justice Process Credits: 3            CJ 355 Youth Culture and Crime Credits: 3            CJ 360 Inside Out Prison Exchange Credits: 3            CJ 380 Special Topics Credits: 1 to 3            CJ 399 Independent Readings Credits: 1 to 3            CJ 405 Terrorism Credits: 3            CJ 408 White-Collar and Corporate Crime Credits: 3            CJ 411 Community Policing Credits: 3            CJ 420 Juvenile Correctional Counseling Credits: 3            CJ 442 Victimology Credits: 3            CJ 444 Forensic Behavior and Law Credits: 3            CJ 464 Security Management Credits: 3            CJ 482 Culture, Crime, and Justice: 3            CJ 490 Criminal Justice Internship Credits: 1 to 9            CJ 495 Issues in Criminal Justice (capstone) Credits: 3            CJ 499 Independent Study and Research Credits: 1 to 3</p>

<b>Legal Studies Minors:</b> 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
<i>see other side of this page for course titles, pre-requisites and offerings</i>
<b>General Electives:</b> 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 3.5 or above, achieve an LSAT score of 156 or above, and satisfy any other current MSU-CL admission requirements.

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