

# Legal Studies Major Advising Checklist

(Effective for students who entered Fall 2020 or later)

| <b>I. All students must complete the Major Core Courses as indicated below (27 credits)</b>   |  |
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| _____ <b>LS 101 Law In Our Lives</b><br>_____ <b>LS 224 Legal Research</b><br><i>(Prerequisite: LS 101 – With C grade or better)</i><br>_____ <b>LS 226 Civil Litigation I</b><br><i>(Prerequisite: LS 101, may be taken concurrently*)</i><br>_____ <b>LS 320 Property &amp; Probate Law</b><br><i>(Prerequisite: LS 101, may be taken concurrently*)</i><br>_____ <b>LS 322 Commercial Law</b><br><i>(Prerequisite: LS 101, may be taken concurrently*)</i>   | _____ <b>LS 324 Legal Writing (SWS)</b><br><i>(Prerequisites: LS 224 &amp; WRT150 – both with C grade or better)</i><br>_____ <b>LS 428 Civil Litigation II</b><br><i>(Prerequisite: LS 101 and LS226)</i><br>_____ <b>LS 490 Legal Studies Internship</b><br><i>(Prerequisites: LS 101, LS324, Senior Standing, Permission of Internship Coordinator, and LS226 prior or concurrent)</i><br>_____ <b>LS 495 Legal Thought</b><br><i>(Prerequisites: LS 101, LS324, and Senior Standing)</i>   |
| *Although LS101 can be taken concurrently with LS226, LS320, and LS322, 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  |  |
| <b>II. All students must complete <u>either</u> the BA or BS Degree Sequence</b>  |  |
| <b>Bachelor of Arts (BA)</b>  | <b>Bachelor of Science (BS)</b>  |
| _____ <b>3<sup>rd</sup> semester proficiency in a foreign language</b><br><br>Please see the Modern Languages and Literature Department for testing and placement.<br><br><b>101 → 102 → 201</b>  | _____ <b>STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics</b><br><i>(Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent)</i><br><br>_____ <b>CJ 300 Research Methods</b><br><i>(Prerequisite: STA 215 and Junior standing)</i><br><br>_____ <b>CIS 150 Introduction to Computing</b>   |
| <b>III. Major Electives based on cognate choice of BA or BS (12 credits)</b>  |  |
| <b>Bachelor of Arts (BA)</b>  | <b>Bachelor of Science (BS)</b>  |
| _____ <b>CIS 150 Introduction to Computing</b><br><br><b>AND</b><br>select <b>TWO</b> courses from the following:<br><br>_____ <b>CJ 302 Criminal Law</b><br>_____ <b>CJ 305 Constitutional Rights &amp; Civil Liberties</b><br>_____ <b>LS 350 Family Law</b><br>_____ <b>LS/WGS 370 Women and the Law</b><br><i>(Pre-requisite: Junior Standing)</i><br>_____ <b>LS 380 Special Topics</b><br>_____ <b>LS 399 Independent Reading</b><br>_____ <b>LS 499 Independent Study</b><br>_____ <b>MGT 334 Employment &amp; Labor Law</b><br><i>(Pre-requisite: Jr. Standing. Permit required for all non-business majors)</i><br>_____ <b>PLS 307 American Constitutional Law II</b><br><i>(Pre-requisite PLS102 or Junior Standing)</i> | _____ <b>CJ 302 Criminal Law</b><br>_____ <b>CJ 305 Constitutional Rights &amp; Civil Liberties</b><br>_____ <b>LS 350 Family Law</b><br>_____ <b>LS/WGS 370 Women and the Law</b><br><i>(Pre-requisite: Junior Standing)</i><br>_____ <b>LS 380 Special Topics</b><br>_____ <b>LS 399 Independent Reading</b><br>_____ <b>LS 499 Independent Study</b><br>_____ <b>MGT 334 Employment &amp; Labor Law</b><br><i>(Pre-requisite: Jr. Standing. Permit required for all non-business majors)</i><br>_____ <b>PLS 307 American Constitutional Law II</b><br><i>(Pre-requisite PLS102 or Junior Standing)</i> |

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

| <b>Criminal Justice Minor (21 credits)</b>   |  |
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| <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><br/><i>(Fulfills 1 course for Gen Ed /Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences)</i></p> <p>_____ <b>CJ 201 Criminology (3 credits)</b><br/><i>(Prerequisite: CJ 101)</i></p> <p>_____ <b>CJ 305 Constitutional Rights &amp; Civil Liberties (3 credits)</b><br/><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 (3 credits) *Counts in LS Major Electives</b></p> <p>_____ <b>CJ _____ (_____ credits)</b></p> <p>_____ <b>CJ _____ (_____ credits)</b></p> <p>_____ <b>CJ _____ (_____ credits)</b></p> | <p>CJ 282 Culture, Crime, and Justice Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 302 Criminal Law Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 311 Criminal Investigation Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 312 Police Process Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 315 Principles of Security Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 320 Crimes Against Women Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 325 Criminal Justice and Human Rights Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 330 Correctional Process Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 340 Courts Process Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 350 Juvenile Justice Process Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 355 Youth Culture and Crime Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 360 Inside Out Prison Exchange Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 380 Special Topics Credits: 1 to 3<br/>           CJ 399 Independent Readings Credits: 1 to 3<br/>           CJ 405 Terrorism Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 408 White-Collar and Corporate Crime Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 420 Juvenile Correctional Counseling Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 442 Victimology Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 444 Forensic Behavior &amp; the Law Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 464 Security Management Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 490 Criminal Justice Internship Credits: 1 to 9<br/>           CJ 495 Issues in Criminal Justice (capstone) Credits: 3<br/>           CJ 499 Independent Study and Research Credits: 1 to 3</p> |

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| <b>Legal Studies Minors:</b> Students pursuing other majors may complete the following courses to complete the Legal Studies Minor              |
| LS 101, LS 224, LS 324, LS 226, LS 320, LS 422, 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 Criminology, Criminal Justice and Legal Studies 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.