

Legal Studies Major

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

2022 - 2023 Catalog Year

Fall 20_		Winter 20_		Spring/Summer 20_
LS 101 Law In Our Lives (Gen Ed: SBS)	3	WRT 150 Strategies in Writing	4	
Language Course 101 (for BA)	4	MTH 110 Algebra	4	
Gen Ed: Life Sci w/ Lab or Phys. Sci. w/ Lab	4	Language Course 102 (for BA)	4	
Gen Ed: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	Gen Ed: Arts	3	
Elective	1	Gen Ed: Global Perspectives		
Total:	15	Total:	15	Total:
Fall 20_		Winter 20_		Spring/Summer 20_
LS 224 Legal Research	3	LS 324 Legal Writing (SWS)	3	
CIS 150 Introduction to Computing	3	LS major elective course	3	
Language Course 201 (for BA)	4	Gen Ed: Philosophy and Literature	3	
Gen Ed: Mathematical Sciences	3	Minor course or elective	3	
Minor course or elective	3	Minor course or elective	3	
Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:
Fall 20_		Winter 20_		Spring/Summer 20_
LS 226 Civil Litigation I	3	LS 428 Civil Litigation II	3	
LS 320 Property & Probate Law	3	LS 322 Commercial Law	3	
Gen Ed: Historical Perspectives	3	LS major elective course	3	
Gen Ed: Phys. Sci. w/o Lab or Life Sci. w/o Lab	3	Gen Ed: U.S. Diversity	3	
Minor course or elective	3	Minor course or elective	3	
Total:	15	Total:	15	Total:
Fall 20_		Winter 20_		Spring/Summer 20_
LS 490 Legal Studies Internship	3	LS 495 Legal Thought (Capstone)	3	
Gen Ed: Issues Course (possible SWS)	3	Minor course or elective	3	
Gen Ed: Issues Course	3	Elective	3	
Minor course or elective	3	Elective	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total:	15	Total:	15	Total:

Notes:

This is a suggested curriculum guide that might not be applicable to every student.

Two (2) Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS) courses are required with a grade of C or better.

Students must have a minimum of 120 credits to graduate. At least 58 credits must be from a senior level (4-year) institution and the final 30 credits must be from GVSU.

See page 2 for additional notes about degree requirements and placement for writing and math.

Math Placement:

Students can be placed in math based of off SAT/ACT scores, the GVSU math placement test, AP credits or transfer credit. Students who place into MTH 180 should take MTH 180-Part 1 in the fall of their first year and MTH 180-Part 2 in the winter of their first year. Students who place into MTH 110 should take MTH 110 in either the fall or winter of their first year. Students who place out of MTH 110 will not need to take MTH 110 or MTH 180.

Writing Requirements:

Students who self-place into WRT 120 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 can take the course in either fall or winter. Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 120/130 or 150 in order to satisfy the WRT requirement at GVSU.

General Education Categories fulfilled by LS Major

Social and Behavioral Sciences #1: LS 101
Mathematical Sciences: STA 215 (if BS)

Remaining General Education Categories

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Physical Sciences: with/without lab
Life Sciences: with/without lab
Arts
Social and Behavioral Sciences #2
Mathematical Sciences (if BA)
Philosophy and Literature
Historical Perspectives
Global Perspectives
U.S. Diversity
Issues #1
Issues #2

Legal Studies students can pursue either a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree.

The quide on page 1 is for a student pursuing a B.A. and includes the following requirements:

B.A. Course Requirements

Students seeking a Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies must demonstrate third-semester proficiency in a foreign language by successfully completing a 201-level language course, passing a proficiency exam in the language chosen, or through AP credit. B.A. students also must include CIS 150 as one the major electives.

Students pursuing a B.S. should follow the separate B.S. guide for legal studies, which will include the following requirements:

B.S. Course Requirements

CIS 150 – Introduction to Computing STA 215 – Introductory Applied Statistics CJ 300 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice