



2026 - 2027 Certificate in Legal Studies

24 Units

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

Courses

Prerequisites

Complete **ONE** of the following courses (3 units total):

Foundation Course

CRJU 350: Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3)	Appropriate Majors/Minors/Certificate Only; CRJU 301 with a Grade of "C" or Better
HIST 308: Law and Civilization (3)	
PHIL 352: Philosophy of Law (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
POSC 311: Constitutional Law: Power (3)	
POSC 312: Constitutional Law: Rights (3)	

Complete **SEVEN** of the following courses **not** used to satisfy the previous requirement. Courses must be from at least three different departments (21 units total):

Legal Studies Breadth

AFRS 332: Civil Rights and the Law (3)	GE Foundations
AIS 485: American Indians and the Law (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
BLAW 220: Introduction to Law and Business Transactions (3)	Appropriate Majors/Minors/Certificate Only
BLAW 320: Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business (3)	Appropriate Majors/Minors Only
CHLS 362: Latinas/os, Law, and Public Policy (3)	
CLSC 410: Law and Literature in the Classical World (3)	
COMM 441: Issues in Freedom of Communication (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
CRJU 301: Criminal Course and Judicial Processes (3)	Appropriate Major/Minors/Certificate Only; Pre/Corequisites Waived for Legal Studies Students
CRJU 340: Substantive Criminal Law (3)	Appropriate Major/Minors/Certificate Only; Prerequisites Waived for Legal Studies Students
CRJU 350: Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3)	Appropriate Major/Minors/Certificate Only; CRJU 301 with a Grade of "C" or Better
ECON 355: Law and Economics (3)	ECON 100 and 101; or ECON 300
HIST 308: Law and Civilization (3)	
HIST 489: Selected Topics in Legal History of the United States (3)	
JOUR 430: Communication Law and Policy (3)	Upper Division Standing
PHIL 352: Philosophy of Law (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
PHIL 451: Liberty and Justice: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in American Law (3)	Upper Division Standing
POSC 311: Constitutional Law: Power (3)	
POSC 312: Constitutional Law: Rights (3)	
POSC 376: International Law (3)	
POSC 412: Law and Social Change (3)	
POSC 414: Jurisprudence (3)	
PSY 495: Psychology and the Law (3)	PSY Majors; PSY 301 and 370
SOC 342: Critical Criminology (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
S W 350: Law, Court Decisions, and Policy Practice (3)	GE Foundations; SW 351
WGSS 308: Gender, Sex, and the Law (3)	

In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

Additional Information

- See [online Catalog](#) for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements.
- A course can only be used to satisfy one program requirement. **Double counting is not allowed within the program.**
- The certificate may be earned in conjunction with any baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree.
- No more than 12 units may be in the candidate's major.
- **Optional Project Paper:** In place of 3 units of "Breadth" courses, candidates may choose to write a Project Paper. The paper may consist of original or secondary research related to law or the legal system broadly speaking. The paper may only be written during a candidate's senior year as part of a 3-unit independent study or directed research course supervised by a faculty member participating in the program. At the beginning of the semester in which the paper is written, the candidate must submit a copy of the independent study or directed research agreement, signed by the supervising professor, to the Legal Studies program director. A copy of the completed paper must be submitted to the program director at the end of the semester in which the paper is written.

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