

The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

Legal Foundations of Society (LEGFNTN-MN)

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The multidisciplinary minor in Legal Foundations of Society provides students with an exposure to the legal underpinnings of society from a liberal arts perspective. It is intended for students interested in the intersection of legal and social issues. It is not intended as a "pre-law" program, but rather, as a means of providing a foundational understanding of the ways society constructs and uses its legal systems.

The Legal Foundations of Society minor requires the completion of five courses for at least 15 credit hours, including at least two foundational courses. Students must take courses from at least three departments. Only one course may be from the student's major department. At least two (2) courses for at least six (6) hours must be taken at the 3000-level or higher.

**Required foundational course
(3 credit hours)**

Sociology **2309** – Introduction to Law and Society (3)

**Required foundational course – choose one
(3 credit hours)**

Philosophy **2400** – Political and Social Philosophy (3)
Political Science **2400** – Introduction to Political Theory (3)

**Advanced Electives
(minimum 9 credit hours)**

Select courses from the following list to total at least 9 credit hours.

AED Economics 3170 - Agribusiness Law (3) (was Agricultural Law)
African-American and African Studies 4326 – Topics in African Americans and Public Policy (3)
African-American and African Studies 4610 – African Americans and the Law (3)
Communication 3404 – Media Law and Ethics (3)
Economics 3710 & 3710H – Law and Economics (3)
Economics 3790 – Economics of Crime (3)
Economics 4700 – Government and Business (3)
English 4595 – Literature and the Law (3)
History 2015 – The History of American Criminal Justice (3)
History 3005 – The United States Constitution and American Society to 1877 (3)
History 3006 – The United States Constitution and American Society since 1877 (3)
History 4015H – Honors Seminar in Modern U.S. History: American Legal History Since 1830 (3)
Linguistics 4597.02 – Language and the Law (3)
Philosophy 2400 – Political and Social Philosophy (3)

Philosophy 3410 – Philosophical Problems in the Law (3)
Political Science 2400 – Introduction to Political Theory (3)
Political Science 3440 – Political Theories of Justice (3)
Political Science 4130 – Law and Politics (3)
Political Science 4132H – Supreme Court Decision Making (3)
Political Science 4135 – American Constitutional Law (3) (was The American Constitution and Governmental Powers)
Political Science 4136 – Civil Liberties (3)
Political Science 4137 – Politics of Legal Decision Making (3)
Political Science 4138 – Women and the Law (3)
Political Science 4460 – American Political Ideas (3)
Psychology 4485 – Psychology and the Law (3)
*Sociology 2209 – Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
*Sociology 4507 – The Criminal Justice System (3)
*Sociology 4509 – Sociology of Law (3)
*Sociology 4510 – Gender, Crime and the Criminal Justice System (3)
*Sociology 4511 – Juvenile Delinquency (3) (was Sociology of Youth and Crime)
*Sociology 4609 – Neighborhoods and Crime (3)
*Sociology 4611 – Prisons, Jails, and community Correction (3)
*Sociology 4615 – Control and Prevention of Crime & Delinquency (3)
*Prerequisites may be waived with permission of a Sociology adviser.

**Legal Foundations of Society Minor Program
Guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor:

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE

A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval Not required as long as students complete the courses as indicated on the minor program description.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school advisor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the minor coordinating advisor.

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