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 24 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, and may not be counted on the major. No more than two (2) 200-level courses may be counted on the minor. Overlap with the GEC is permitted. If you follow the program as listed, you need only file it with your college or school counselor.

**Required foundational course**

(5 credit hours)

Sociology 309 – Introduction to Law and Society (5)

**Required foundational course – choose one**

(5 credit hours)

Philosophy 230 – Political and Social Philosophy (5)
Political Science 210 – Introduction to Political Theory (5)

**Advanced Electives**

(minimum 14 credit hours)

Select courses from the following list to total at least 14 credit hours.

- AED Economics 470 - Agricultural Law (4)
- African-American and African Studies 326 – Black Americans and the Legal System (5)
- BusAdmin: Finance 510 – Legal Environment of Business (4)
- Communication 607 – Mass Communication Law
- Economics 271 – Law and Economics (5)
- Economics 479 – Economics of Crime (5)
- Economics 270 – Government and Business (5)
- English 593 – Literature and the Law (5)
- History 375 – The History of American Criminal Justice (5)
- History 570.01 – The United States Constitution and American Society to 1877 (5)
- History 570.02 – The United States Constitution and American Society since 1877 (5)
- Natural Resources 752 – Environmental Science and Law (4)
- Philosophy 230 – Political and Social Philosophy (5)
- Philosophy 338 – Philosophical Problems in the Law (5)
- Political Science 210 – Introduction to Political Theory (5)
- Political Science 514 – Women and the Law (5)
- Political Science 515 – Politics of Legal Decision Making (5)
- Political Science 516 – Judicial Politics (5)
- Political Science 519 – Civil Liberties in the Courts (5)

**Political Science 520 – The American Constitution and Governmental Powers (5)**

**Political Science H521 – Supreme Court Decision Making (5)**

**Political Science 572 – Political Theories of Justice (5)**

**Political Science 573 – American Political Ideas (5)**

**Psychology 485 – Psychology and the Law (4)**

- *Sociology 209 – Introduction to Criminal Justice (5)*
- *Sociology 507 – The Criminal Justice System (5)*
- *Sociology 509 – Sociology of Law (5)*
- *Sociology 510 – Women, Crime, and the Legal System (5)*
- *Sociology 511 – Sociology of Youth and Crime (5)*
- *Sociology 609 – Neighborhoods and Crime (5)*
- *Sociology 611 – Penology (5)*
- *Sociology 615 – Control and Prevention of Crime & Delinquency (5)*
- Women's Studies/Sociology 670 – Gender Discrimination (5)

*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 24

**Transfer credit hours allowed**

- A maximum of 10

**Overlap with the GEC**

- Permitted

**Overlap with the major**

- Not allowed and:
  - The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
  - The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

**Overlap between minors**

- Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

**100-level course**

- For every five credit hours of 100-level course work on the minor, the minimum total required for the minor is increased by five.

**Grades required**

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

**Approval required**

- The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:
  - A college/school counselor.

**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 counselor.

**Changing the minor**

- Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:
  - A college/school counselor.