

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

**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)** (was Black Americans and the Legal System)
Communication **3404 – Media Law and Ethics (3)** (was Mass Communication Law)
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)
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)** (was Judicial Politics)
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)** (was Civil Liberties in the Courts)
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) (was Women, Crime, and the Legal System)
*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)** (was Penology)
*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 point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- 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 counselor.

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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