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Legal Studies

Hatting (POL), acting director

The minor in legal studies enables students to undertake a multidisciplinary examination of the relationship of law to culture and society. Understanding the foundations and nature of law and legal process is an integral element of a liberal arts education. Several departments within the university offer courses that examine the sociological, political, philosophical, journalistic, historical, economic and business aspects of legal behavior and legal systems.

By drawing on those courses, the legal studies minor exposes students to a variety of perspectives on the study of law and provides a broad understanding of the role of law in society.

The legal studies minor is not intended as a pre-law program, although it may prove especially attractive to students interested in careers in law, public administration or related professions. Its objective is to allow students to undertake an examination of law and legal process within a liberal arts context.

Minor in Legal Studies

Twenty credits from the following list, or other courses selected with the approval of the program director. To ensure an interdisciplinary base of study, no more than eight credits may come from any one department.

BLAW	301	Legal Environment of Business
BLAW	302	Business Law for Accounting
BLAW	303	International Business Law
BLAW	304	Real Estate Law
BLAW	351	Environmental Law
BLAW	352	Gender Issues and the Law
BLAW	401	Legal Research, Advocacy, and Dispute Resolution
BLAW	402	Law of Electronic Commerce
ECON	321	Law and Economics
HIST	326	English Law and Government before the American Revolution
HIST	365	U.S. Constitutional History
IDSC	340	Criminal Law and the Social Order
JOUR	304	Media Law
PHIL	357	Political Philosophy
PHIL	359	Philosophy of Law
POL	312	Judicial Process
POL	313	Constitutional Law and Politics
POL	314	Constitutional Rights and Liberties
POL	326	International Law and Organizations
POL	414	Seminar in Law and Judicial Politics
THEO	397	Topics courses that involve a legal aspect (consult Legal Studies adviser)

Literary Studies

Mikolajczak (ENGL) and Moorman (M&CL), directors

Students wishing an excellent preparation for the many occupations in which the ability to use language effectively is absolutely essential may be interested in the following major, which is not basically career-oriented.

The primary aims of the major in literary studies are to extend to highly motivated students the opportunity:

1. To deepen their mastery of two languages
2. To provide them with double evidence that literature, as the highest form of language art, is based on the skillful use of adequately developed languages in the creation of an esthetic world of the human spirit
3. To enable them to experience firsthand that much is lost in the translation of a great literary work
4. To help them appreciate more deeply that literature transcends national and cultural boundaries.

Major in Literary Studies

Prerequisite:

At least three high school years of a second language, accepted for this major by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Either 212 in that language, or its equivalent, must also be taken.

Option I (administered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages):

Twenty credits in courses numbered 300 or higher in the literature of a non-English language, chosen in consultation with the chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages

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Plus:

Sixteen credits in courses numbered 300 or higher in English literature, chosen in consultation with the chair of the Department of English

Option II (administered by the Department of English):

Twenty credits in courses numbered 300 or higher in English literature, chosen in consultation with the chair of the Department of English

Plus:

Sixteen credits in courses numbered 300 or higher in the literature of a non-English language, chosen in consultation with the chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages

Plus:

(required under both options)

Four credits in European history

Recommended:

An additional four credits in European history, four credits in aesthetics, and courses in a third language, preferably a classical language if the second language is modern

Courses such as phonetics, conversation, composition and civilization (if not based on literature) will not count as courses in literature.

Middle East Studies (ACTC)

Farlow (POL), director

The Middle Eastern Studies Program through the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities (ACTC) offers an interdisciplinary minor focusing on the Middle East. The term “Middle East” includes the geographic regions of southwest Asia and north Africa, extending from Turkey to the Sudan and from Afghanistan to Morocco. The minor in Middle East Studies considers the following concepts: 1) the Middle East has global significance and is vital to the national interests of many countries, including the United States; 2) increasing numbers of Americans have some Middle Eastern ethnic or religious background; 3) the region offers numerous opportunities for business and the professions; 4) it is the birthplace of several of the world’s major civilizations.

The minor in Middle East Studies enables students to bring together several courses in different disciplines to constitute a program of area study. This area specialization offers students the opportunity to learn about the religions, economic situation, historical and political developments, literature, philosophy and culture of Middle Eastern peoples and countries. Such an interdisciplinary approach permits students to apply the theory and methodology of several disciplines to a common subject matter and allows a greater mastery of the Middle East area than could normally be attained through strictly disciplinary majors or minors.

A Middle East studies minor provides valuable preparation for careers in government service, research, non-governmental organizations, journalism, education, and consulting in international business. Acquiring some Middle East expertise will make ACTC students more credible candidates for internships with organizations related to the Middle East. The availability of the minor would support honors research programs at the ACTC colleges.

The minor is offered by combining courses already in place at the ACTC institutions. Courses with a focus on the Middle East are being offered regularly in political science (with historical components), sociology, women’s studies and theology. In addition, students may enroll in Arabic language classes through the ACTC language contract with the University of Minnesota. Elementary and intermediate Hebrew are offered at Macalester College.

Minor in Middle East Studies

POL 3580H Politics and Society in the Middle East

Plus 20 credits in area courses

2 courses selected from the social sciences

2 courses selected from the humanities

1 elective chosen from either area

Plus language courses

Students may substitute two courses in a Middle East language for two of the five area studies courses above. Some acquaintance and experience with the Arabic and/or Hebrew languages is highly desirable, particularly for students combining the Middle East studies minor with a major in business, journalism, or political science. A program of study abroad or an internship in the Middle East is recommended strongly and will receive credit toward the minor. All options should be discussed with the student’s advisor.

The following courses have been approved with the understanding that their content is focused on the Middle East. Locations: A-Augsburg; C-St. Catherine; H-Hamline; M-Macalester; T-St. Thomas.