

## College of Arts and Sciences – Interdisciplinary Programs

### 472 Justice and Peace Senior Seminar

This seminar brings together what students have learned throughout their justice and peace studies, activities, internships and service projects and applies it to a project of their own choice negotiated with the professor through a learning contract. In carrying out that project, students will pay attention to the four steps of the circle of praxis. Results of the project are shared with the other members of the seminar. In addition, common topics studied include basic statistics needed to understand, judge, and use statistics responsibly; writings of key theoreticians in justice and peace studies; and an introduction to a broad range of organizations working for the relief of suffering and for structural and social change. Usually offered spring semester.

### 473 Vocational Internship Seminar

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Students are required to take this seminar during the semester they are doing an internship of 7-10 hrs/wk. The seminar meets three times (at the beginning, middle, and end of the semester), to provide opportunities for those engaged in individual placements to get peer support for their discernment process. At its core is a reflective process designed to lead students to: a deeper understanding of the practical means of working for social change; an evaluation of their internship experience (both in terms of gaining a deeper understanding of their own vocation and a better understanding of the type of institutions they are working with); and applying these insights to future course work and career planning.

### 475, 476 Experiential Learning

2 credits

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See the description of these courses at the beginning of the “Curricula” section of this catalog.

### 483, 484 Seminar

2 credits

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See the description of these courses at the beginning of the “Curricula” section of this catalog.

### 487, 488 Topics

2 credits

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The subject matter of these courses will vary from year to year, but will not duplicate existing courses. Descriptions of these courses are available at [www.stthomas.edu/registrar/onlineschedule.html](http://www.stthomas.edu/registrar/onlineschedule.html).

### 491, 492 Research

2 credits

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See the description of these courses at the beginning of the “Curricula” section of this catalog.

### 495, 496 Individual Study

2 credits

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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

## Legal Studies – Literary Studies – Middle East Studies

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 Sauter (acting chair, 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

*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)

Nice (Center for Faculty Development), coordinator and UST campus representative

The Middle East 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