

Latin (LATN)

See Modern and Classical Languages

Legal Studies

College of Arts and Sciences
Interdisciplinary Program
Hatting (POLS), 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 (4 credits)
- BLAW 302 Business Law for Accounting (4 credits)
- BLAW 303 International Business Law (4 credits)
- BLAW 304 Real Estate Law (4 credits)
- BLAW 351 Environmental Law (4 credits)
- BLAW 352 Gender Issues and the Law (4 credits)
- BLAW 401 Legal Research, Advocacy, and Dispute Resolution (4 credits)
- BLAW 402 Law of Electronic Commerce (4 credits)
- ECON 321 Law and Economics (4 credits)
- HIST 326 English Law and Government before the American Revolution (4 credits)
- HIST 365 U.S. Constitutional History (4 credits)
- IDSC 340 Criminal Law and the Social Order (4 credits)
- JOUR 304 Media Law (4 credits)
- PHIL 357 Political Philosophy (4 credits)
- PHIL 359 Philosophy of Law (4 credits)
- POLS 312 Judicial Process (4 credits)
- POLS 313 Constitutional Law and Politics (4 credits)
- POLS 314 Constitutional Rights and Liberties (4 credits)
- POLS 326 International Law and Organizations (4 credits)
- POLS 414 Seminar in Law and Judicial Politics (4 credits)
- THEO 397 Topics courses that involve a legal aspect (4 credits) (consult Legal Studies adviser)

Legal Studies in Business

See Business Administration

Literary Studies

College of Arts and Sciences
Interdisciplinary Program
Scheiber (ENGL) and Sauter (acting chair, H&HP), 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.

Literary Studies – Mathematics

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.

Management

See Business Administration

Marketing

See Business Administration

Mass Communication

See Journalism and Mass Communication

Mathematics (MATH)

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Mathematics

Kemper (chair), Dayananda, Dokken, Kroschel, Loe, McLean, Rezac, Scholz, Shakiban, Shemyakin, Shvartsman, Van Fleet, Yang, Youn; Tiefenbruck

The Department of Mathematics offers major programs that can satisfy a variety of student interests and careers. Majors in mathematics can prepare themselves for graduate study in mathematics or related areas, for the teaching of mathematics at the secondary school level, for professional school in law or health science, or for the application of mathematics and statistics in science, business, industry and government.

Students majoring in mathematics are encouraged to use elective courses to broaden their background in mathematics or in a related area of special interest. Coursework in biology, chemistry, economics, engineering, finance, geology, physics, psychology and quantitative methods/computer science combines well with a major in mathematics.

Students graduating with a major in mathematics will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental notions of mathematics, including rigorous proof. They will be able to model and solve real-world problems arising in business and industry. They will be able to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, mathematical concepts to their peers and to an audience of non-majors. They will be able to learn and apply mathematics on their own through independent study, research and participation in non-class-related lectures.

In all of the department's major programs, a student must successfully complete at least 16 credits in mathematics courses numbered 300 and above at the University of St. Thomas.

In addition to the mathematics programs described below, the department has programs to prepare students for careers in actuarial science (see Interdisciplinary Programs) or teacher licensure (see Education). A minor in mathematics is available to support majors in many other departments.

Students should see the chair of the Department of Mathematics for advice in selecting courses for a particular purpose. The department offers a number of courses for non-majors to fulfill the mathematics portion of the core curriculum.