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LEGAL STUDIES MAJOR

Suggested Course Sequence

3rd-Class Year	2nd-Class Year	1st-Class Year
Chem 200	Aero Engr 315	Academy Opt
Econ 201	Beh Sci 310	Astro Engr 310
English 211	Biology 315	English 411
Engr Mech 220	ECE 315	Law 421
History 300	Law 321	Law 485
Law 220	Law 351	Law Opt
Law 221	Law Opt	Mgt 400
Law Opt	Law Opt	Soc Sci 412
MSS 200	Law Opt	Soc Sci/Hum Opt
Physics 215	Math 300	Soc Sci/Hum Opt
Pol Sci 211	MSS 415/416	
Philos 310	Ops Rsch 310	

LAW (Law)

Offered by the Department of Law (DFL).

Law 220. Law for Air Force Officers. A core course introducing students to the legal knowledge and skills they will need as Air Force officers and educated citizens. Examines the nature of law and its role in American society and the military; provides an overview of the American civilian and military justice legal systems; examines selected foundational constitutional rights, particularly as they apply in the armed forces; and introduces substantive areas of the law that military officers likely will encounter in their official capacities, including criminal law, military administrative law and the law of armed conflict.

Law 220S. Law for Air Force Officers. A core substitute for cadets in the Academy Scholars Program, introducing them to the discipline of Law through readings from original classic works and appellate court opinions exploring principles they will apply as Air Force officers and educated citizens. Examining the nature of law and its role in American society and the military, the course emphasizes enrichment in critical thinking and verbal and written expression by addressing foundational principles of constitutional, criminal, military, and international law. Classroom discussion and debate are the primary pedagogies and written works are the significant assessments.

Law 221. Legal Research and Writing. This gateway course is designed to introduce Legal Studies majors to the research and communication skills they will need to be successful in this major. Following an introduction to the fundamentals of legal reasoning and legal research, students will learn to write a scholarly paper on a current legal issue. Related to the scholarly paper, students will participate in exercises that will assist them with organization, content, critical-thinking, citation, and proper usage and style. Students will also conduct research related to one or more legal problems based on fact scenarios that present ill-defined issues of law and draft legal memoranda providing legal analysis and conclusions.

Law 321. Legal Advocacy. This course uses and expands the fundamental legal research and writing skills learned in Law 221. Students learn the additional skills needed to effectively advocate a position. Using various processes,

students will enhance their ability to critically analyze facts, identify the important issues, and sharpen their oral and written advocacy skills. Starting with the research and writing skills acquired in Law 221, students will be taught and exercise fundamental advocacy skills. As students improve their fundamental skills, more advanced advocacy skills, such as those used in trials and other legal proceedings, will be introduced. As student's progress beyond trial skills, they will have an opportunity to develop more advanced, written and oral advocacy skills, such as those practiced before the U.S. Supreme Court and other appellate level courts.

Law 331. Criminal Law and Procedure. Examines selected crimes and defenses and focuses on how and why selected constitutional rights constrain the government and protect individual liberties in the context of criminal law and procedure. Skills emphasized include critical thinking, legal problem-solving, and oral and written communication.

Law 340. Business Law. In-depth study of the law governing commerce and business organizations in the U.S. Emphasizes contracts, formation of business organizations and laws which regulate the workplace environment.

Law 351. U.S. Constitutional Law. In-depth analysis of selected provisions of the U.S. Constitution and Supreme Court decisions interpreting them. Topics include powers of the branches of the federal government, federal-state relations and individual rights as limitations on governmental power. Skills emphasized include critical thinking, legal problem solving, and oral and written communication.

Law 360. Law and Literature. This interdisciplinary seminar entails the in-depth study of selected literary works that provide insights and raise questions concerning important legal issues and the nature and purposes of law. Emphasizes developing critical reading, speaking and writing skills.

Law 363. International Law. A course studying the legal principles which govern relations among nations. Students will study the historical development of international law and important principles which govern relations among nations today. Topics may include sources of International Law, statehood, sovereign immunity, diplomatic relations, the United Nations and other international organizations, treaties, extraterritorial jurisdiction, international courts, law of the sea, the UN Charter, and peacekeeping operations.

Law 421. Law for Commanders. More than just a continuation and expansion of Law 220, Law for Air Force Officers, focuses on using real-world scenarios to help students think like a commander who has respect for the rule of law, knows how to evaluate basic legal advice about a problem, and appropriately uses it to make good decisions for the Air Force. It examines command authority over Air Force personnel, the extent of that authority to accomplish the mission and instill good order and discipline, the effective use of disciplinary tools, and common command/legal concerns facing leaders. A hands-on application class that allows students to practice problem-solving skills and to communicate solutions and rationale appropriately.

Law 422. Commander's Use of Military Law. Designed for students who have not had an in-depth study of law beyond Law 220. More than just a continuation and expansion of Law 220, Law for Air Force Officers, it focuses on using real-world scenarios to help students think like a commander who has respect for the rule of law, knows how to evaluate basic legal advice about a problem, and appropriately uses it to make good decisions for the Air Force. Examines command authority over Air Force personnel, the extent of that authority to accomplish the mission and instill good order and discipline, the effective use of disciplinary tools, and common command/legal concerns facing leaders. A hands-on application class allowing students to practice problem-solving skills and to communicate solutions and rationale appropriately.

Law 440. Cyberlaw. Explores the multitude of legal issues affected by the use of computers and the Internet. Examines closely the evolution of criminal law in cyberspace, specifically problems associated with jurisdiction, rights of privacy, searches and seizures, and evidence. Also examines how cyberspace impacts the law of war, including what constitutes the use of force in cyberspace, and how this all influences traditional notions of

sovereignty. Although some basic technical information is discussed, this course is designed for the non-technical student. The emerging legal issues discussed will also stimulate the interests of the technical student. As future commanders, students must be prepared to handle computer-related legal issues, whether criminal, intellectual property or use of force. These emerging problems of the 21st century are also points of discussion.

Law 456. National Security Law. Examination of the domestic and international legal authority affecting U.S. national security matters and the command and control of the key instruments of national security, focusing on the U.S. military. Topics include: Presidential and congressional treaty and war powers under the Constitution; command and control of the military under the modern national security system; legal authority for the international use of force; intelligence and information security law; terrorism and unconventional warfare; and domestic uses of military and the Posse Comitatus Act.

Law 463. Modern Application of the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). This course provides a detailed introduction to the international laws governing armed conflicts. Topics covered may include the resort to force, rules on conduct of hostilities, treatment and status of prisoners, the laws of occupation, and the relationship with human rights law. Students will study international agreements such as the Geneva and Hague Conventions and will examine decisions of international courts, the U.S Supreme Court, and courts-martial to determine how the law of war is explained, interpreted, and applied to important historical and current conflicts.

Law 466. Advanced Topics in the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). Goes beyond the fundamental principles and primary sources of LOAC explored in Law 463. Focuses on unsettled questions and contemporary issues. Topics include the modern use of force, the definitions of combatants, the interplay of LOAC and human rights law, international criminal tribunals, rule of law efforts and other current issues. Students explore primary and secondary sources in a seminar setting, enhancing critical analysis and sharpening oral and written communication skills.

Law 480. Topics in Constitutional Law and Appellate Advocacy. This course focuses on detailed analysis of two related constitutional law questions that are presented in a hypothetical case problem. The selected constitutional law questions will reflect important public policy issues that are currently being litigated in the lower courts, but have not yet reached the Supreme Court. Students will research the relevant authorities cited in the case problem and write analytical case briefs, legal memoranda, and a persuasive appellate brief. Students will also argue both sides of one question in the case before a moot Supreme Court.

Law 485. Legal Studies Capstone. Uses multiple law-related scenarios based upon contemporary military, national and international issues. Affords students the opportunity to integrate knowledge and expertise acquired in other law courses and further hone their analytical and communication skills as they work together to identify and resolve complex legal issues.

Law 495. Special Topics. Selected topic or topics in law.

Law 499. Independent Study. Study and research in a legal topic or topics of choice for students who have demonstrated their ability for advanced study in regularly offered enrichment courses. Topics and meetings arranged with the instructor.