

Legal Studies

The intercollegiate and interdisciplinary program in Legal Studies seeks to illuminate law from a liberal arts perspective, with ideas and methods from disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. It is also intended to help unify and increase the student's appreciation of these other disciplines by using them to study law as a central social phenomenon and repository of values.

A premise of the program in legal studies is that law, when approached from a liberal arts perspective, reveals a collection of magnificent intellectual and social structures that are too important - and too interesting - to be left entirely to professionals. By contrast, American law schools are specialized graduate institutions, with their own traditions and systems of values, and have a largely professional orientation. They teach the doctrine of law brilliantly, in their severely analytic style, but for this very reason they can give at best only secondary attention to the goal of exploring the relationships of law with other aspects of intellectual and social endeavor.

The program in legal studies is completed as part of a *dual major* with another academic discipline. The major requires six courses in legal studies and a minimum of eight courses in the other discipline of the dual major. For further information on dual majors and the requirements for the other discipline of the dual major, please check the appropriate sections of this catalog. Each student's individual program must be approved by the Chair of the Supervisory Committee on Legal Studies, Professor Rossum.

Major Requirements (dual major only)

Completion of the program requires six courses, distributed as follows:

1. Two Required Core Courses

- **Government 95. Legal Studies: An Interdisciplinary Introduction to Law** (normally taken first)

- **Government 189. Seminar in Legal Studies**, or approved substitute (to be taken in the junior or senior year after the other requirements of the Program are substantially completed).

2. Four Intermediate Courses

These courses must be distributed so they cover *at least three of the disciplines* represented within the Legal Studies Program (see listing below.)

Senior Thesis in Legal Studies

The senior thesis is a general education requirement and the capstone experience to a student's undergraduate education. Students must complete a senior thesis in at least one of their majors under supervision of a faculty reader who teaches within that major, unless granted a special exception. Legal studies majors are encouraged to complete a senior thesis in legal studies.

Students interested in doing a two-semester thesis project complete a one-half credit or full credit thesis research course in the first semester and the senior thesis in the second semester. The senior thesis and any thesis seminar or independent study courses may not be counted as courses in the major.

General Education Requirements for Legal Studies Majors

Students with interdisciplinary majors requiring courses in the *humanities* and/or *social sciences* are required to take designated courses in six different fields of the humanities and social sciences for the general education requirements. Legal studies majors must take courses in all four fields of the social sciences (economics, government, history, and psychology), and in two fields of four fields in the humanities (literature, philosophy, religious studies, and literature in a foreign language). Legal studies majors with a dual or double major in the humanities will be required to take an additional course in the humanities. For further information, see "Academic Policies and Procedures."

The Faculty

The major is major is administered by the Committee on Legal Studies. Members of the Committee are:

CMC Faculty: Bessette (Government), Costanzo (Psychology), Lofgren (History and Government), and Rossum (Chair) (Government)

Scripps College Faculty: Geerken (History)

Courses

The courses listed under each area are not meant to be exhaustive and other courses may also be available from the Chair of the Supervisory Committee. For information on specific courses, please consult the faculty member listed with each course. For course offerings, please consult the *Fall 2007* and *Spring 2008 Undergraduate Schedule of Courses*. Further information and course descriptions may be found in the appropriate College Catalogs.

CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE COURSES

• **Economics**

- 167. Law and Economics
- 191. Business Law

• **Government**

- 90. Introduction to Constitutional Law: National Powers
- 91. Introduction to Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
- 95. Legal Studies: An Interdisciplinary Introduction to Law
- 105. Organization of Health Care and Public Policy
- 109. Juvenile Delinquency and Public Policy
- 113. Inequality, Politics, and Public Policy: Class, Race, and Gender
- 144. Political and Social Movements
- 171. Theocracy and Democracy
- 176. American Constitutional History
- 177. Representation and the Supreme Court
- 179. Law and Social Change
- 181. Crime and Public Policy (seminar)
- 185. The Supreme Court and Criminal Procedure

- 188. The Supreme Court and the Constitution in Modern America (seminar)
- 189. Seminar in Legal Studies
- 196. Presidential War Powers (seminar)

• **History**

- 126. American Constitutional History
- 128. The Supreme Court and the Constitution in Modern America (seminar)

• **Psychology**

- 117. Practicum in Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- 180. Forensic Psychology
- 188. Psychology and Law
- 190. Advanced Psychology and Law

SCRIPPS COLLEGE COURSES

• **History**

- 157sc. Machiavelli and Machiavellianism: Power, Law, and Society
- 160asc. History of Legal Thought: Ancient Law
- 160bsc. History of Legal Thought: 1066-1789
- 162sc. Seminar in Legal Thought: Problems of (In) Justice
- 168sc. Crime and Punishment in the Renaissance

