

B.S. LEGAL STUDIES - PRE LAW

The Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies with a Pre-Law Concentration requires a minimum of 120 semester hours including Husson University's General Education requirements as well as Legal Studies, Business, and related courses. It is designed to provide students with skills for success in the legal field and specific preparation for the rigors of the law school curriculum. While the American Bar Association does not recommend any particular majors or courses for undergraduate education prior to law school, it does set forth Core Skills and Values for a Pre-Law education. Students in the Legal Studies program earning a Pre-Law Concentration will have completed a curriculum which has the American Bar Association Core Skills and Values as its foundation.

The programmatic outcomes for the B.S. Legal Studies--Pre Law are:

1. Students will understand core practices in legal studies such as interviewing and investigation; law office management; and litigation
2. Students will demonstrate critical thinking and legal writing skills
3. Students will apply legal and ethical principles to decision making.
4. Students will apply legal research methods and tools to formulate legal arguments and reasoning.
5. Students will apply critical thinking to diversity issues that arise in legal studies
6. Students will demonstrate the ability to work with diverse colleagues in team situations.

• General Education Courses

EH 105	College Writing	3
HE 111	The Husson Experience ***	1
PL 305	Legal Ethics	3
PL 309	Constitutional Law	3
PL 403	Advanced Legal Writing	3
PL 407	Legal Studies Capstone *	3
Fine Arts Elective		3
Foreign Culture and Conversation Elective		3
Historical Elective		3
Humanities Elective		3
Lab Science Elective (Must also qualify as a sustainability elective)		3-4
Literature Elective		3
Math I Elective		4
Math II Elective		3
Philosophical Elective		3
Psychological/Sociological Elective		3
Professional Courses		
BA 201	Business Law I	3
BA 202	Business Law II	3
CJ 225	Criminal Procedure	3
PL 100	Intro to Legal Studies *	3
PL 200	Criminal Law	3
PL 201	Real Estate Law	3
PL 203	Civil Litigation *	3
PL 204	Introduction to Wills, Estates, and Trusts *	3

PL 205	Legal Research and Writing *	3
PL 301	Torts	3
PL 302	Family Law	3
PL 303	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
PL 304	Alternative Dispute Resolution II	3
PL 400	Evidence	3
PL 404	Civil Litigation II	3
PL 405	Workers Compensation	3
PL 498	Paralegal Internship *	3
BA/CJ/PL Elective		12
CJ/PL Elective		3
Open Elective		9
Total Hours		122-123

Suggested Course Sequence

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BA 201	3	PL 200	3
EH 105	3	PL 201	3
HE 111 ***	1	Humanities Elective	3
PL 100 *	3	Math II Elective	3
PL 204 *	3	Psychological/ Sociological Elective	3
Math I Elective	4		
		17	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PL 203 *	3	BA 202	3
PL 205 *	3	CJ 225	3
PL 305	3	PL 302	3
Literature Elective	3	Philosophical Elective	3
Historical Elective	3	CJ/PL Elective	3
		15	15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PL 303	3	PL 403	3
PL 309	3	PL 407	3
Fine Arts Elective	3	PL 498	3
Foreign Culture and Conversation Elective	3	BA/CJ/PL Elective	3
BA/CJ/PL Elective	3	Lab Science Elective (Must also qualify as a sustainability elective)	3-4
		15	15-16

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PL 301	3	PL 304	3
PL 400	3	PL 404	3
BA/CJ/PL Elective	3	PL 405	3
Open Elective	3	BA/CJ/PL Elective	3
Open Elective	3	Open Elective	3
15		15	

Total Hours: 122-123

* "C" or better required in all courses marked
 ***Credit may not be required for degree completion