

LEGAL STUDIES (B.S.)

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Legal Studies prepares graduates for both law school and for careers in legal assisting, paralegal, and other law-related professions. The program is designed to provide in-depth understanding of the legal system as it relates to the law, the courts, clients, and lawyers. The curriculum encompasses both generalist and specialist courses as recommended by the American Bar Association. The core curriculum provides a solid foundation of legal, ethical, technical, and communication skills. Subsequent to completion of the core, students have an opportunity to focus on specific areas of interest by taking elective coursework in the areas of litigation, wills, trusts and estates, real estate, family law, criminal law, and international law.

Program Progression and Additional Graduation Requirements

- Attend an orientation session.
- Sign an Advising Agreement document.

In addition to the program requirements, students must:

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits.
- Complete a minimum of 48 of the 120 credits at the upper division (3000 - 4999 level).
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all coursework attempted at FGCU.
- Satisfy the College-Level Skills and foreign language entrance requirements.
- Satisfy the Service-Learning requirement.
- Satisfy the Civic Literacy requirement.
- Satisfy the residency requirement: 30 of the last 60 credits must be completed at FGCU.
- Complete the summer course enrollment requirement.
- Submit an Application for Graduation by the deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
FGCU General Education Program (https://www.fgcu.edu/academics/undergraduatelstudies/generaleducation/)		
Common Prerequisites		
None. ¹		
Required Courses in the Major		(21 credits)
A minimum grade of C is required in each course		
CCJ 4934	Senior Seminar (capstone)	3
CJL 4064	Constitutional Crim. Procedure	3
PLA 1003	Introduction to Law	3
PLA 3116	Legal Research & Writing	3
PLA 3277	Torts	3
PLA 3428	Contracts	3
PLA 3703	Professional Ethics	3
Restricted Electives in the Major		(12 credits)
A minimum grade of C is required in each course		

Select nine credits from any of the following:

PLA 3205	Courtroom Techniques	3
PLA 3240	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
PLA 3436	Business Organizations	3
PLA 3764	Law Office Management	3
PLA 3806	Family Law Issues	3
PLA 4471	Employment Law	3
PLA 4530	Elder Law	3
PLA 4570	Globalization & the Rule of Law	3
PLA 4605	Wills, Trusts, and Estates	3
PLA 4616	Real Estate Transactions	3
PLA 4843	Immigration Law	3
PLA 4885	Constitutional Law	3

Select three credits from any of the following:

PHI 3130	Logic	3
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Any upper division (3000-4999 level) course(s) from the following prefixes: PLA², CCJ², CJC, CJE, CJJ, or CJL²

Sustainability Course Graduation Requirement (3 credits)

Select at least 3 credits in sustainability coursework (SCGR Attribute)

Additional Electives

As needed to reach total credits required for the degree

¹ Local articulation agreements between institutions that allow for specific courses at the Florida College System (FCS) institution to be recognized and accepted by receiving institutions are still in place. If you are a FCS student, please see your advisor to see if there are any local agreements that are relevant to your transfer.

² Courses used to fulfill required courses in the major cannot also be used to fulfill restricted electives.

Total Credits Required: 120