

# UNDERGRADUATE COURSES OF STUDY

## **PARALEGAL STUDIES**

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### **LEG 308.LAW, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY**

This course examines various approaches to the law, including philosophical, sociological, political, and historical. Topics include elements of legal reasoning, institutions, functions of the law, and the effects of the law in American society. *Three credit hours.*

### **LEG 311.CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

This course is a study of American federalism, political power of the judicial branch, judicial review, and limitations on the power of the courts. Special emphasis is given to the Supreme Court of the United States. Cross-listed with POLS 311. Prerequisite: "C" or better in POLS 101. *Three credit hours.*

### **LEG 312.CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES**

This course provides a study of rights guaranteed to American citizens under the Constitution of the United States. This course focuses on court decisions which interpret and protect individual rights and freedoms. Cross-listed with POLS 312. Prerequisite: "C" or better in POLS 101. *Three credit hours.*

### **LEG 313.JUDICIAL PROCESS**

This course will focus on the operation and workings of the courts and the people involved in or behind them, thereby analyzing the courts, not just as formal institutions that are affected by an outside world of politics, but as major and integral parts of state and national politics. Cross-listed with POLS 313. Prerequisite: "C" or better in POLS 101. *Three credit hours.*

### **LEG 366.INTERNATIONAL LAW**

This course looks at the historical evolution, development, and functions of international law. It explores how Western culture created the foundations of international law and illustrates how today's diversity of human experience contributes to controversies in international law, particularly in issues and conceptions of justice and human rights. The course will showcase how law emerges from specific religious and cultural traditions that connect with the history and politics of societies. Students will gain the tools to analyze international law and explore the impact of power differentials between states as they relate to practices, beliefs, histories, traditions, and/or lived experiences of select societies around the world. Junior/Senior status recommended. Cross-listed with POLS 366. Prerequisite: "C" or better in POLS 101. *Three credit hours.*

### **LEG 371.SPECIAL TOPICS IN LEGAL STUDIES**

This course provides instruction on specialized areas of the law (e.g., contracts; family; insurance; litigation; property; real estate; torts; wills, trusts, and estate; etc.) that graduates may encounter in a professional setting. Prerequisite: LEG 308, or permission of the program director. *Three credit hours.*

### **LEG 373.CRIMINAL EVIDENCE**

This course is an introduction to the types of evidence, collection of evidence, the chain of custody, and procedures relating to its introduction of evidence into judicial proceedings. Special attention is given to Fourth Amendment constitutional issues. Cross-listed with CRIM 373. Prerequisite: CRIM 101 or POLS 101. *Three credit hours.*

### **LEG 499.ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH**

This course enhances students' legal research skills to prepare them for various workplace settings that include a private law firm, governmental agency, non-profit organization, or private enterprise. It builds or reinforces knowledge, skills, and abilities important for success in any legal career. This course also includes assessment requirements for the University and the Paralegal Studies program. Prerequisite: "C" or better in LEG 308. *Three credit hours.*