

Emphasis - Accelerated Law (3+3)

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B.S.L.S. in Law Studies Description

The law studies program is designed for the student who wishes to pursue a career as a paralegal or legal assistant.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

Goals/Mission Statement

Our mission is to educate students in a learning environment conducive to excellence in meeting the complex challenges present in justice-related services. Our faculty's goal is to expand the knowledge base and to integrate cutting-edge information into the learning experiences of students. In addition, the Department of Legal Studies' mission is to extend service to our constituents to enhance learning, program development, and justice-related service in Mississippi, the region, and the nation.

General Education Requirements

See the General Education Core Curriculum for the School of Applied Sciences. Students in the law studies major are allowed to take Math 120 to fulfill the College Algebra math requirement. Law studies students are also allowed to take CJ 202 in order to fulfill their statistics requirement.

An additional 3 hours is required in the following related subject: Pol 101 (3 hours).

Course Requirements

The B.S. in law studies degree requires the following 30 semester hours of LA courses: LA 102, 103, 104, 201, 202, 204, 205, 303, 304, and 305.

Other Academic Requirements

For majors in this field, a minimum grade-point average of 2.5 must be maintained on all law studies coursework.

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Under this emphasis, the student's fourth-year requirements are satisfied by successfully completing first-year law school classes at the University of Mississippi School of Law. The student must meet the School of Law's requirements for admittance to this special program, which are established each year based on the previous year's data on the grade-point averages and (Law School Admission Test) scores for students admitted to the School of Law. A student who chooses this emphasis but does not meet those requirements must switch to one of the other emphases. No minor is required for this emphasis, but students will be encouraged to develop a minor-like concentration so they do not get caught short in the event they have to switch to the other emphasis, which requires a minor.

Course Requirements

In addition to the 30-hour law studies core, students who select the paralegal emphasis must complete the following 12 hours of LA coursework:

- LA 490 - Advanced Studies Seminar
- LA 491 - Advanced Studies in Law
- LA 392 - Law School Prep Seminar
- LA electives (3 hours)

The remaining courses will be completed after admission to the UM School of Law:

- Law 501 - Contracts
- Law 502 - Torts
- Law 503 - Civil Procedures
- Law 504 - Property
- Law 507 - Constitutional Law I
- Law 514 - Legal Research & Writing I
- Law 515 - Legal Research & Writing II
- Law 568 - Criminal Law
- Law 590 - Contract Negotiation & Drafting

Degree Requirements

The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

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General Education

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete Hon 101 , Writ 100 or Writ 101 with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: Liba 102 , Writ 102 or Hon 102 .

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REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
3 hrs literature 200+	3	Complete 3 hours of literature at the 200 level or higher with a passing grade.
3 hrs Arts Appreciation	3	Complete 3 hours in the area of fine or performing arts. Choose from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Acceptable freshman or sophomore-level courses are: AH 101 , AH 102 , AH 201 , AH 202 ; Music 101, Music 102, Music 103, Music 104, Music 105; Dance 200; and Theatre 201.
Soc 101	3	Complete Soc 101 with a passing grade.
Psy 201	3	Complete Psy 201 with a passing grade.

General Education II

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Human biology lab	1	Successfully complete the accompanying human biology lab.
Human biology course	3	Successfully complete either Bisc 102 , Bisc 160 , Bisc 206 or Bisc 207 with a passing grade.
Additional science lab	1	Successfully complete an additional science lab.
Additional science course	3	Complete an additional science course.
3 hrs Math 120 or higher	3	Successfully complete Math 120 or a higher level math with a passing grade.
3 hrs statistics course	3	Successfully complete a statistic course from the following list of courses: CJ 202 , Math 115 , Econ 230 , Bus 230 or Psy 202 .
3 hrs humanities or Art Apprec	3	Successfully complete 3 credit hours in humanities chosen from the following areas: African American Studies (AAS 201 OR 202); Classics (CLC); ENVS 101 ; Gender Studies (G St 201 , 202 , or 301); Southern Studies (S ST 100 -level); History (HST), Literature (Eng 220-226); Philosophy (PHIL), Religion (REL), honors freshman seminar (if not used for composition) Fine Arts changes to Arts Appreciation
Pol 101	3	Complete Pol 101 with a passing grade.

Major Requirements

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
LA 102	3	Complete LA 102 with a passing grade.
LA 103	3	Complete LA 103 with a passing grade.
LA 104	3	Complete LA 104 with a passing grade.
LA 201	3	Complete LA 201 with a passing grade.
LA 202	3	Complete LA 202 with a passing grade.
LA 204	3	Complete LA 204 with a passing grade.
LA 205	3	Complete LA 205 with a passing grade.
LA 303	3	Complete LA 303 with a passing grade.
LA 304	3	Complete LA 304 with a passing grade.
LA 305	3	Complete LA 305 with a passing grade.
Select an emphasis		
Minimum GPA on all law studies courses.		For majors in this field, a minimum grade-point average of 2.5 must be maintained on all law studies course work.

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LA 490	3	Complete LA 490 with a passing grade.
LA 491	3	Complete LA 491 with a passing grade.
LA 392	3	Complete LA 392 with a passing grade.
3 hrs Paralegal Studies electives	3	Successfully complete an additional 3 credit hours in Paralegal Studies (LA).
Law 501	4	Complete Law 501 with a passing grade.



REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Law 502	4	Complete Law 502 with a passing grade.
Law 503	4	Complete Law 503 with a passing grade.
Law 504	4	Complete Law 504 with a passing grade.
Law 507	4	Complete Law 507 with a passing grade.
Law 514	3	Complete Law 514 with a passing grade.
Law 515	3	Complete Law 515 with a passing grade.
Law 568	3	Complete Law 568 with a passing grade.
Law 590	3	Complete Law 590 with a passing grade.

