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HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit **legalstudies.berkeley.edu** for the latest updates and subscribe to the LSundergrads email list by sending the Undergraduate Advisor a request email.

ADVISING

Students can reach the Undergraduate Advisor during drop-in hours or through email at **lauri@berkeley.edu**.

Advising Drop-In Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am-12 pm, 1:30-4 pm

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Legal Studies is an interdisciplinary, liberal arts major in the College of Letters and Science and is under the academic supervision of Berkeley Law. The major provides undergraduate students with an opportunity to become familiar with legal ideas, legal institutions, and the legal process. It is designed to provide tools for reasoned appraisal of how the law works and of the policies that underlie it. The major is based firmly on the view that the study of law and justice has a rich humanistic tradition and that its pursuit can encourage sustained reflection on fundamental values.



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I really liked the wide array of classes offered in this program. I appreciated that I was able to learn a variety of subjects while still connecting them to the law and legal system.

- Hannah, Legal Studies Alumna '20

THE LS CURRICULUM

Legal Studies courses deal with a wide variety of subjects, including philosophy of law, American legal history, non-western legal traditions, politics and law, the criminal justice process, property law, and economic regulation. Courses are taught by faculty with backgrounds in the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as Law.

The Legal Studies curriculum includes four lower division prerequisite courses, along with four upper division core legal studies courses and four upper division Distribution Requirements within these areas: Crime, Law, & Social Control; Law & Culture; Law & Markets; Law, Rights & Social Change, and Law & Sovereignty.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Join a student organization such as Berkeley Legal Studies Association.
- Get involved with the ASUC Renters' Legal Assistance or ASUC Student Legal Clinic.
- Apply for a law-related **URAP** research position such as the Human Rights Center **Investigations Program**.
- Spend a semester or summer in Washington through **UCDC**.
- Apply for the Legal Studies Honors
 Program and present at the
 Undergraduate Legal Studies Research
 Conference.

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
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your major	Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.	Complete lower division prerequisites and declare the major .	Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.	Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
	Familiarize yourself with major and college	Think about which upper division electives align	Focus on upper division requirements and electives.	Complete any "bucket list" courses and remaining
	requirements.	with your interests.	Expand your studies with law-related courses	major, college, and campus requirements.
		Review major guidelines for study abroad. Consider adding a minor in Public Policy , Human	from other departments and law courses abroad. Ask your major advisor about the Legal Studies	
		Rights, or Race and the Law.	honors program.	
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and build community	Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect . Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center .	Join a student organization such as the Berkeley Legal Studies Association .	Pre law? Check out organizations such as Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity .	Join a professional association related to your interests.
		Sign up for the Legal Studies email list and start attending department events.	Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader .	Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.
		Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.	Attend events at the Center for the Study of Law and Society and Berkeley Law.	
Discover your passions	Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar	Continue with a Sophomore Seminar , Big Ideas	Find research and funding opportunities in the	Teach your own DeCal course .
	or student-run DeCal course such as LS 98: Entertainment Law.	Course or Discovery Course.	OURS database.	Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent
	Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and	Learn about research opportunities for Legal Studies majors.	Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.	study and present your work at the Undergraduate Legal Studies Research Conference.
	Scholarships.	Assist faculty in their research through URAP .	Work at the Human Rights Center's Investigations	Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or
	Check out the California Legal Studies Journal published by students in the major.		Program.	gap year after graduation.
			Apply during the summer for the Legal Studies Honors Program .	
Engage locally and globally	Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and	Contribute to a community organization with an	Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor	Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas
	get involved with a student organization.	American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course	and exchange program.	Public Service Leaders program.
	Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center .	Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program .	Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital .	Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps , Teach for America , or U.S. Department of State .
	Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad .	Work in one of two legal clinics on campus: ASUC Renters' Legal Assistance or ASUC Student Legal Clinic .	Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.	
			Apply for JusticeCorps .	
Reflect and plan your future	Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career	Discuss career options and goals with a Career	Discuss graduate school options with advisors and	Utilize job board tools in your job search.
	Counseling Library.	Educator.	professors, including law-related options .	Ask professors and graduate student instructors for
	Develop a plan for getting career ready.	Learn about graduate and professional school including law school . See Step-by-Step for	Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.	recommendation letters.
	Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail .	planning help.	Attend career and graduate school fairs such as the Law and Graduate School Fair.	Attend Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
	Explore career fields through the Career	Think about doing an internship and attend an	Plan for the LSAT or other graduate school entrance	Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

The Legal Studies major equips graduates with the skills necessary to pursue post-graduate study or careers in law and government. Students have also gone on to work in various law-related fields like education, finance, public policy, law enforcement, city planning, and social welfare.

Jobs and Employers

Admission Representative, UC Berkeley

Business Analyst, Infosys Claims Processor, Brayton Purcell

College Adviser, UC Berkeley Consultant, Ernst and Young LLP Content Review Analyst, Vaco San Francisco

Credit Analyst, City National Bank Legal Asst., Cornerstone Law Group Marketing Assoc., LG Chem Paralegal, Kirkland & Ellis LLP Police Officer, City of San Francisco Prof. Athlete, National Women's

Program Manager, Brightline Defense Teacher, Teach for America

Graduate Programs

Criminal Science, Masters Education Administration, Masters Law, JD Law, Masters Management Science, Masters

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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