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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.

Visit [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

## CONNECT WITH US

### Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit [legalstudies.berkeley.edu](https://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](mailto: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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