

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Legal Policy Minor

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Specifics (see instructions)

Current Program

Legal Policy Minor (18 credits)

Required Course (3 credits)

POLI 230-Intro to Constitutional Law

Elective Courses (15 – 16 credits)

- Five elective courses from the following list.
- At least one of the elective courses must be a 400-0level course.

POLI 334-Judicial Process (3.0)
POLI 337-Comparative Justice (3.0)
POLI 338-Women, Gender, and the Law (3.0)
POLI 339-Legal Advocacy (3.0)
POLI 352-Administrative Law (3.0)
POLI 432-Civil Rights (3.0)
POLI 433-First Amendment Freedoms (3.0)
POLI 435-Legal Reasoning (3.0)
POLI 436-Health Law (3.0)
POLI 437-International Human Rights Law (3.0)
POLI 438-Legal Internship (4.0)
POLI 439-Selected Topics in Public Law (3.0)
POLI 445-Law, Politics, and American Education Policy (3.0)
POLI 482-International Law (3.0)

Policy Stipulation

No grade lower than a “C” in any course may count toward this minor.

Students majoring in Political Science may count no more than 3 courses from the POLI major toward this minor.

Proposed Program

Law and Justice Minor (18 credits)

Required Course (3 credits)

POLI 230-Intro to Constitutional Law

Elective Courses (15-16 credits)

- Five elective courses from the following lists
- At least one of the elective courses must be a 400-level course.
- **At least one of the elective courses must be one with an *international focus* (see list below).**

POLI 220-The US Constitution and American Democracy (3.0)
POLI 233-Common Law and Legal Analysis (3.0)
POLI 315-Political Theories of Justice (3.0)
POLI 320-American Political Thought (3.0)
POLI 334-Judicial Process (3.0)
POLI 338-Women, Gender and the Law (3.0)
POLI 339-Legal Advocacy (3.0)
POLI 352-Administrative Law (3.0)
POLI 432-Civil Rights (3.0)
POLI 433-First Amendment Freedoms (3.0)
POLI 435-Legal Reasoning (3.0)
POLI 438-Legal Internship (4.0)
POLI 439- Selected Topics in Pubic Law (3.0)
POLI 445-Law, Politics, and American Education Policy (3.0)

Courses with International Focus

POLI 337-Comparative Justice (3.0)
POLI 430-The Law of War (3.0)
POLI 431-Modern National Security Law (3.0)
POLI 437-International Human Rights Law (3.0)
POLI 471-Globalization and Transitional Justice
POLI 482-International Law

Policy Stipulations
No Change

Rationale

The Political Science Department was urged by external reviewers in its last APR to review and revise its minor programs. A thorough “re-think” of our minor programs became part of the Department’s Action Plan. The proposed changes to the Legal Policy minor are the result of this process.

a) Name Change: “Legal Policy” has always been an awkward and somewhat misleading name for this minor. The proposed name, “Law and Justice,” communicates in a much more straightforward manner the substantive curriculum of this minor.

Proposed Changes to Elective Options: The list of elective courses has been expanded to reflect a comprehensive reassessment of POLI courses and their substantive relevance to this minor.

Addition of an “international focus” to this minor: The POLI Department wants students in this minor to be exposed to aspects of law and justice beyond the somewhat narrow confines of American jurisprudence.

b) Students who currently are declared “Legal Policy” minors can be allowed to complete the minor as presently constituted. They could also switch to the “Law and Justice” minor if they so choose. This should not be a burden since the required number of credits for both is the same, the one required course is the same, and the number of course options is expanded.

POLI 438-Legal Internship (4 credits)
POLI 439- Selected Topics in Public Law (3.0)
POLI 445-Law, Politics, and American
Education Policy (3.0)
POLI 482-International Law

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