**Legal Studies Requirements** - All Legal Studies major requirements must be taken for a letter grade.

**Prerequisites** - Students must take one distinct course from each of the following four areas: Statistics, Philosophy, History, and Social/Behavioral Science.

**Core Legal Studies Requirements** – Take 4 courses from the list below, including at least one course designated as Humanities (H) and at least one course designated as Social Sciences (SS). Students are strongly encouraged to take 100 early in pursuing the major as it provides a foundation for the Legal Studies curriculum. The 4 courses taken for core requirements cannot also be double-counted toward the distribution requirements.

(4 courses, 4 units each for a total of 16 upper div units)

100: Foundations of Legal Studies (H or SS)  
103: Theories of Law & Society (H or SS)  
107: Theories of Justice (H)  
138: The Supreme Court & Public Policy (SS)  
145: Law & Economics I (SS)  
160: Punishment, Culture & Society (H or SS)  
177: American Legal & Constitutional History (H)  
182: Law, Politics & Society (SS)  
184: Sociology of Law (SS)  

**Distribution Requirements** – Take 2 courses* in one of the following Areas and 1 course each in two distinctly different additional Areas for a total of 4 courses. See the new Courses list.

NOTE: Some courses may be worth 3 units, so you might need an additional course to meet the total 32 upper division units required for the major. IF you choose all 4 unit courses to fulfill the distribution requirements, you will only need 4 courses total.

**Area I**  
Crime, Law & Social Control  
**Area II**  
Law & Culture  
**Area III**  
Law & Markets  
**Area IV**  
Law, Rights & Social Change  
**Area V**  
Law & Sovereignty  

* LS H195B Honors Thesis or LS 199 Independent Study (for 4 units) may substitute for one of the two courses.

**Law-Related Courses** - You may use up to 2 law-related courses from outside the Legal Studies Program to count towards the Distribution Requirements, for a maximum of 8 units. This is an option, not a requirement. Outside courses should normally be drawn from the pre-approved list of law-related UCB courses, but may be approved from other 4-year institutions, or from study abroad programs. If a course you are considering is not on the pre-approved list, you must submit a syllabus and description to the Legal Studies Academic Advisor for approval. See the law-related courses page.

**Capstone Experience** – Legal Studies students are strongly encouraged to enroll in one Legal Studies seminar course (LS 190), preferably in their senior year, to complete their remaining units. Alternatively, students who meet eligibility requirements are strongly encouraged to enroll in LS H195A & B, the Honors Program, for their capstone experience. Students who have a faculty mentor and a desire to do a research project but do not meet the eligibility requirements for Honors, may enroll in 4 units of LS 199 for their capstone experience provided that they meet the eligibility requirements for Independent Study. See the research page for eligibility requirements for 199 and H195A/B.