

# B.S. LEGAL STUDIES - PRE LAW

The Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies with a Pre-Law Concentration requires a minimum of 120 semester hours including Husson University's General Education requirements as well as Legal Studies, Business, and related courses. It is designed to provide students with skills for success in the legal field and specific preparation for the rigors of the law school curriculum. While the American Bar Association does not recommend any particular majors or courses for undergraduate education prior to law school, it does set forth Core Skills and Values for a Pre-Law education. Students in the Legal Studies program earning a Pre-Law Concentration will have completed a curriculum which has the American Bar Association Core Skills and Values as its foundation.

The programmatic outcomes for the B.S. Legal Studies--Pre Law are:

1. Students will understand core practices in legal studies such as interviewing and investigation; law office management; and litigation
2. Students will demonstrate critical thinking and legal writing skills
3. Students will apply legal and ethical principles to decision making.
4. Students will apply legal research methods and tools to formulate legal arguments and reasoning.
5. Students will apply critical thinking to diversity issues that arise in legal studies
6. Students will demonstrate the ability to work with diverse colleagues in team situations.

## • General Education Courses

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| EH 105                                    | College Writing           | 3   |
| HE 111                                    | The Husson Experience *** | 1   |
| PL 305                                    | Legal Ethics              | 3   |
| PL 309                                    | Constitutional Law        | 3   |
| Fine Arts Elective                        |                           | 3   |
| Foreign Culture and Conversation Elective |                           | 3   |
| Historical Elective                       |                           | 3   |
| Humanities Elective                       |                           | 3   |
| Lab Science Elective                      |                           | 3-4 |
| Literature Elective                       |                           | 3   |
| Math I Elective                           |                           | 4   |
| Math II Elective                          |                           | 3   |
| Philosophical Elective                    |                           | 3   |
| Psychological/Sociological Elective       |                           | 3   |

## Professional Courses

|        |                                              |   |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|---|
| BA 201 | Business Law I                               | 3 |
| BA 202 | Business Law II                              | 3 |
| CJ 225 | Criminal Procedure                           | 3 |
| PL 100 | Intro to Legal Studies *                     | 3 |
| PL 200 | Criminal Law                                 | 3 |
| PL 201 | Real Estate Law                              | 3 |
| PL 203 | Civil Litigation *                           | 3 |
| PL 204 | Introduction to Wills, Estates, and Trusts * | 3 |
| PL 205 | Legal Research and Writing *                 | 3 |
| PL 206 | Criminal Litigation                          | 3 |
| PL 301 | Torts                                        | 3 |

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| PL 302                 | Family Law                                 | 3              |
| PL 303                 | Alternative Dispute Resolution             | 3              |
| PL 400                 | Evidence                                   | 3              |
| PL 401                 | Domestic Violence Law                      | 3              |
| PL 403                 | Advanced Legal Writing                     | 3              |
| PL 407                 | Legal Studies Capstone                     | 3              |
| PL 498                 | Paralegal Internship *                     | 6              |
| PL 410                 | LSAT Law School Admission Test Preparation | 3              |
| BA/CJ/CON/PL Electives |                                            | 12             |
| CJ/PL Elective         |                                            | 3              |
| Open Electives         |                                            | 6              |
| <b>Total Hours</b>     |                                            | <b>122-123</b> |

## Suggested Course Sequence

### First Year

| Fall            | Hours | Spring                                  | Hours |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| BA 201          | 3     | PL 200                                  | 3     |
| EH 105          | 3     | PL 201                                  | 3     |
| HE 111 ***      | 1     | Humanities Elective                     | 3     |
| PL 100 *        | 3     | Math II Elective                        | 3     |
| PL 204 *        | 3     | Psychological/<br>Sociological Elective | 3     |
| Math I Elective | 4     |                                         |       |
| <b>17</b>       |       | <b>15</b>                               |       |

### Second Year

| Fall                | Hours | Spring                 | Hours |
|---------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| PL 203 *            | 3     | BA 202                 | 3     |
| PL 205 *            | 3     | CJ 225                 | 3     |
| PL 305              | 3     | PL 302                 | 3     |
| Historical Elective | 3     | Philosophical Elective | 3     |
| Literature Elective | 3     | CJ/PL Elective         | 3     |
| <b>15</b>           |       | <b>15</b>              |       |

### Third Year

| Fall                                         | Hours | Spring                | Hours |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| PL 303                                       | 3     | PL 403                | 3     |
| PL 309                                       | 3     | PL 407                | 3     |
| Fine Arts Elective                           | 3     | PL 498                | 3     |
| Foreign Culture and<br>Conversation Elective | 3     | BA/CJ/CON/PL Elective | 3     |
| BA/CJ/CON/PL Elective                        | 3     | Lab Science Elective  | 3-4   |
| <b>15</b>                                    |       | <b>15-16</b>          |       |

### Fourth Year

| Fall   | Hours | Spring | Hours |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| PL 301 | 3     | PL 206 | 3     |

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| PL 400                | 3 | PL 401                | 3 |
| PL 498                | 3 | PL 410                | 3 |
| BA/CJ/CON/PL Elective | 3 | BA/CJ/CON/PL Elective | 3 |
| Open Elective         | 3 | Open Elective         | 3 |
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| 15                    |   | 15                    |   |

**Total Hours: 122-123**

\* "C" or better required in all courses marked

\*\*\*Credit may not be required for degree completion

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