

# Legal Studies (LEGL)

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## Courses

### LEGL A101 Introduction to Law 3 Credits

Introduces legal processes in a democratic society. Emphasis on legal terminology, federal and state court systems, and judicial decision making. Introduction to basic concepts of contracts, torts, criminal law, family law and administrative law. Includes skills for conducting basic legal analysis.

**Attributes:** UAA Social Sciences GER.

### LEGL A215 Legal Ethics and the Role of the Legal Professional 3 Credits

Studies legal ethics and the nonlawyer professional's role in a law office, corporate or public interest legal department, or government agency. Explores nature, scope and ethics of legal practice and the relationship of nonlawyer staff to lawyers, clients, the court system and the public. Legal practice in Alaska and the rules governing the unauthorized practice of law are emphasized. Foundational practice skills and principles of legal research and writing are introduced. Emphasizes professional skills development. Legal specialty course.

### LEGL A315 Development of Law 3 Credits

Examines the philosophy and development of law in the United States from colonial times to the present. Explores American constitutional history and the role of the courts, the legislature and the executive branch in the lawmaking process. Analyzes legal developments as they relate to changing economic, political, social and intellectual trends.

**Registration Restrictions:** Completion of Written Communication Skills GER for baccalaureate degrees with a minimum grade of D.

**Prerequisites:** JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

### LEGL A340 Family Law 3 Credits

Studies federal and state statutes and judicial doctrines governing familial relationships. Emphasis on marriage, divorce, child custody, support, property rights, adoption and child protection. The impact of the Indian Child Welfare Act in Alaska family law is explored.

**Prerequisites:** JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

### LEGL A343 Constitutional Law 3 Credits

Introduces students to American constitutional law through a study of the history of the Constitution and selected landmark Supreme Court cases. Topics covered are separation of powers, judicial review, civil rights and liberties, property and economic rights and others.

**Crosslisted With:** PS A343.

**Prerequisites:** JUST A110 or PS A101.

### LEGL A352 Criminal Law and Procedure 3 Credits

Examines elements and functions of substantive criminal law together with constitutional, statutory and rules-based limits on law enforcement in the United States. Includes federal and state law of crimes, defenses, search and seizure, interrogations and confessions, identification, arrests and charging, right to counsel, right to jury, sentencing, and double jeopardy.

**Registration Restrictions:** LEGL A215 recommended.

**Prerequisites:** JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

### LEGL A356 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing 3 Credits

Explores techniques of legal research, analysis and writing. Includes legal citation; researching judicial, statutory, regulatory, and secondary sources; research databases; fact pattern analysis; and technical rules of legal writing. Emphasizes professional skills development. Legal specialty course.

**Prerequisites:** (LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A215 with a minimum grade of C) and WRTG A111 with a minimum grade of C and (WRTG A211 with a minimum grade of B or WRTG A212 with a minimum grade of B or WRTG A213 with a minimum grade of B or WRTG A214 with a minimum grade of B or ENGL A311 with a minimum grade of B or ENGL A312 with a minimum grade of B or ENGL A313 with a minimum grade of B or ENGL A414 with a minimum grade of B).

### LEGL A362 Contracts, Debt and Principles of Ownership 3 Credits

Examines fundamental principles of contract law, property ownership, debt formation and collection. Includes Uniform Commercial Code and Bankruptcy. Legal ethics, practice in Alaska and development of professional skills are emphasized. Legal specialty course.

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A215 with a minimum grade of C.

### LEGL A367 Civil Procedure and Pretrial Practice 3 Credits

Introduces procedural concepts of civil litigation and pretrial practice. Covers the rules of pleading and process, discovery, and motion practice. Reviews concepts of jurisdiction, venue, parties, statutes of limitation, and res judicata, and the ethical duties of competence and diligence. Emphasizes applied professional skills and practice in Alaska. Legal specialty course.

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A215 with a minimum grade of C.

### LEGL A377 Evidence, Investigation, and Discovery 3 Credits

Examines state and federal rules of evidence; sources and scope of privileges; techniques, ethics, and management of case investigation; and discovery processes and problems. Emphasizes professional skills development, Alaska law, and electronic discovery. Legal specialty course.

**Registration Restrictions:** Prior completion of LEGL A367 is recommended.

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A215 with a minimum grade of C.

### LEGL A380 Torts, Workers' Compensation and Insurance Law 3 Credits

Analyzes nature and function of the law of torts, workers' compensation, and liability insurance in the United States, as well as the role of the nonlawyer legal professional in tort litigation and workers' compensation claims. Includes ethical issues in tort, workers' compensation, and insurance cases. Practice in Alaska and the development of professional skills are emphasized. Legal specialty course.

**Registration Restrictions:** Completion of LEGL A356 is strongly recommended.

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A215 with a minimum grade of C.

**LEGL A385 Health Care Law and Regulatory Compliance 3 Credits**  
Explores legal issues arising in the delivery of health care services, including the physician-patient relationship and standards of care, individual and institutional liability, patient privacy and medical records security, insurance and Medicare, managed care and access to care, federal and state regulation of health care providers and regulatory compliance, accreditation and licensure, staff privileges, and medical ethics. Practice in Alaska and the development of professional skills are emphasized. Legal specialty course.

**Registration Restrictions:** Completion of LEGL A356 is recommended.

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A215 with a minimum grade of C.

**LEGL A398 Individual Research 1-6 Credits**

Explores the application of research skills to a problem in the law. May involve research assistance on a faculty research project or independent study.

**Special Note:** May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. May not repeat or replace material in an existing legal studies course.

**Registration Restrictions:** Faculty approval

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A356 with a minimum grade of C.

**LEGL A413 Communications Law 3 Credits**

Legal rights, privileges, and regulations of press, radio, television, Internet and films; libel, contempt, copyright, rights of privacy; decisions of regulatory bodies.

**Crosslisted With:** JPC A413.

**Prerequisites:** JPC A202 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A110.

**LEGL A443 Civil Liberties 3 Credits**

Examines civil liberties in the United States with emphasis on the First Amendment, discrimination, the right to privacy and criminal justice. Focuses on Supreme Court cases and literature and considers various influences on legal analysis and judicial decision-making.

**Registration Restrictions:** Completion of all GER Tier 1 (basic college-level skills) courses and junior or senior standing

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A315 or LEGL A343 or PS A343.

**Attributes:** UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

**LEGL A449 Jurisprudence and Legal Theory 3 Credits**

Examines the theoretical bases of contemporary legal systems and judicial decision making. Explores the development of and interaction within major schools of legal theory. Topics covered include classical sources of legal theory, core and alternate approaches to legal theory, judicial decision-making, and theories of rights.

**Registration Restrictions:** Completion of GER Tier 1 (basic college-level skills) courses and junior or senior standing

**Prerequisites:** JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or PHIL A201 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C.

**Attributes:** UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

**LEGL A485 Tribal Courts and Alaska Native Rights 3 Credits**

Explores history and nature of Alaska Natives' legal relationship with state and federal governments, issues of tribal sovereignty in the United States, and Alaska Native self-government. Studies the history and impact of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and the operation of tribal courts in the United States with emphasis on tribal courts in Alaska.

**Registration Restrictions:** Completion of all GER Tier 1 (basic college-level skills) courses and junior or senior standing

**Prerequisites:** JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

**Attributes:** UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

**LEGL A487 Trial and Advanced Litigation Processes 3 Credits**

Addresses advanced litigation processes and trial support. Includes alternative dispute resolution processes, case management systems, pretrial orders, pleadings, exhibit and witness lists, pretrial motions, jury instructions and selection, judgments and orders, and notices of appeal. Practice in Alaska and development of professional skills is emphasized. Legal specialty course.

**Registration Restrictions:** LEGL A356 is strongly recommended.

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A215 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A367 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A377 with a minimum grade of C.

**LEGL A489 Legal Studies Senior Seminar 3 Credits**

Analyzes advanced legal concepts and the role of the nonlawyer in administrative law, business organizations, contract law, torts and workers' compensation, estate planning and probate, and property law. Emphasizes applied paraprofessional skills in legal research, fact analysis, and drafting legal documents. Legal specialty course.

**Registration Restrictions:** Junior or senior standing.

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A215 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A356 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A367 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A377 with a minimum grade of C.

**LEGL A495 Legal Studies Internship 3-6 Credits**

Specially arranged field experiences for advanced Legal Studies students. Designed to expand knowledge and skills through supervised placements in law-related work settings. Emphasizes professional skills development. Legal specialty course.

**Special Note:** May be repeated for maximum of 6 credits.

**Registration Restrictions:** Approval by internship coordinator.

**Prerequisites:** LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A215 with a minimum grade of C and LEGL A367 with a minimum grade of C.