Careers in Legal Studies

Career Path: Legal Studies in Business

Businesses and organizations of all kinds face legal issues in their day-to-day operations. In addition to the law firms and attorneys they depend on, opportunities for legal professionals exist in many other areas of business. Businesses depend on numerous types of support professionals, including paralegals and administrative personnel, as well as those who perform research, analysis, and consulting duties in both corporate and court-related environments.

Recommended Courses:
If a student is interested in a career within the legal areas of business, the following elective courses are recommended. These courses enhance a student's ability to communicate clearly, as well as their knowledge of legal issues as they pertain to business.

LAW3310 Alternative Dispute Resolution
Explores the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). This course examines the mechanisms utilized to resolve disputes, the advantages and disadvantages of utilizing ADR, and the types and subjects where ADR is commonly employed. Students will engage in role play to demonstrate knowledge of various ADR options. Prerequisite: LAW1100 or BUS2231

LAW3335 Business Organization and Corporations
Examines individual, partnership, and corporate forms of business organizations. Also studied are the formation, implementation and rules governing operations and decision-making, the duties and liabilities of corporate officers and directors, as well as mergers, acquisitions and dissolution of corporations. Prerequisite: LAW1100

These courses are recommended as liberal arts or free electives:

ENG2265 Business Communication
Explores the communication strategies and techniques needed for success in the workplace. This course covers the guidelines for the effective use of communication technology, communication challenges in diverse environments, and the process of communication within organizations and through direct public discourse. Prerequisite: ENG2205

BUS2210 Business Intelligence and Analytics
Introduces students to the fast-growing field of business intelligence and analytics. Provides a general understanding of quantitative methods, analytical software, and data analysis to help students comprehend and analyze contemporary business issues and problems. The emphasis is placed on critical thinking and quantitative reasoning skills. Prerequisites: CIS1115

BUS231 Business Law I
Provides students with detailed knowledge of the laws relating to contracts, commerce, property, sales, negotiable instruments, and employment. Students develop an awareness of business situations requiring legal counsel and a familiarization with the overall structure of the legal system.

BUS331 Business Law II
Provides an in-depth examination of the political, legal, ethical, and regulatory issues related to managerial decisions. Topics include commercial paper, real and personal property, creditors' rights and bankruptcy, agency, estate planning, and government regulations. Prerequisite: BUS2231

Career Paths are not minors or concentrations and will not be noted on a student's transcript or diploma. CareerPaths are suggested electives to fill elective credits.

Not all programs and courses are offered at all campuses. You may be required to take some courses at another campus or online.

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