

Department of Political Science
and
Department of Criminology

CERTIFICATE IN LEGAL STUDIES

Requirements:

- Open to all students
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA in all Certificate courses

Students must complete 12 units of upper division classes in legal studies from the following courses:

Three units from the following classes offered by the Department of Political Science:

PLSI 170 Constitutional Law: The Federal Structure
PLSI 171 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

And

Three units from the following classes offered by the Department of Political Science:

PLSI 154 Congressional Politics
PLSI 160 State and Local Government
PLSI 170 or 171 whichever class is not taken in cluster one
PLSI 174 Politics and the Court
PLSI 179T Seminar in Public Law

Six units from the following classes offered by the Department of Criminology:

CRIM 117 Criminal Legal Process
CRIM 127 Advanced Criminal Legal Process
CRIM 118 Individual Rights in the Criminal Justice System
CRIM 177 Legal Policy in Victim Services
CRIM/WS 126 Women and Violence: Public Policy and the Law

Those students who successfully complete the Legal Studies Certificate will have the opportunity to compete for the Fresno State Moot Court Team. This is a specialized class in which students prepare for and argue a mock appellate court case.

Pre-Law Advisors:

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