

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

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Action: revise requirements for minor in Legal Studies
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term: 08F
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree: N/A
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: N/A
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: N/A
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit (if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: _____
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: Legal Studies
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(Attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

List program changes for curriculum revisions:

The following curriculum revision was approved in May 2007 by the Legal Studies Executive Committee, upon the recommendation of the Legal Studies Curriculum Committee:

Provide that from among the two (3-credit) electives and the one (3-credit) substantive law course required for the LEST minor, no more than *one* of these three courses may be taken in the department of the student's major or required for that major, while the other two must be taken outside the department of the student's major and in two different departments; providing however, if the student has taken an approved substitute course for the required senior seminar (LEST 401) from the department of the student's major, *none* of the three courses (i.e., the two electives and the substantive law course) may be taken in the department of the student's major or required for that major. Students with more than one major need only count one major (whichever one they choose) when applying the above requirements for the LEST minor.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum:

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter "None")

None

Other affected units:

(List other departments affected by this new or revised curriculum. Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

None

Rationale: The following are the reasons for the proposed curriculum revision listed above:

In 2005, curriculum changes were implemented that reduced the number of required electives from three to two. In lieu of the third elective, students were required to take one substantive law course from a list of ten such courses. Under the new rules, both of the two electives must be taken outside the student's major department, in two different departments, and neither can be required by the student's major. No comparable restrictions were imposed on the substantive law course; hence, students may take their substantive law course in their major, and it may be a course required for their major. Admittedly, this was not anticipated by the LEST curriculum committee when the new requirements were adopted.

The reason for the change now proposed is that students in majors that offer one or more of the substantive law courses or one of the courses commonly used as a substitute for the required senior seminar LEST 401 (e.g., POSC 402, POSC 405, CRJU 446, CRJU 475) are able to satisfy those requirements by using a class that is offered by the department of their major, while students who are majors in departments that do not offer any of the substantive law courses or a course suitable as a substitute for LEST 401 are not able to use any courses that count for *both* their major and their minor. In other words, it is easier for the students in majors such as CRJU and POSC (departments that offer most of the substantive law courses and approved substitutes for LEST 401) to satisfy the LEST minor than students with majors in departments that do not offer a substantive law course. The intent is to put all students on an equal footing as LEST minors. However, rather than prohibit all students from using a course in their major for *any* of these three required courses, we have decided to allow all minors to take any *one* of the three required courses (the two electives and the substantive law course) in the department of their major. Furthermore, they may use that one course (either an elective or the substantive law course) even if it is required by their major; provided however, the student may *not* use such course for the elective or substantive law course if they use a course offered by the department of their major as a substitute for LEST 401.

Illustration of Problem: The Department of Health, Nutrition, & Exercise Sciences in the College of Health Sciences offers a course, HESC 347 ("Legal Aspects of Sports Management"), that counts as an elective for the LEST minor. Most of the students who take this class are majors in Sports Management, which is one of several majors offered by the Department of Health Nutrition & Exercise Sciences. At the same time, many students in Sports Management are now taking a minor in LEST minor. Because they are majors in Sports Management, they cannot use HESC 347 as an elective for their LEST minor. (The class is not approved as a substantive law class.) As a result, the students who major in Sports Management who take HESC 347 cannot use this class for the LEST minor. Students from other majors and colleges can use this class as an LEST elective; however, as a practical matter, few students from outside Health, Nutrition, & Exercise Sciences ever take this course. Hence, this is a course approved as an LEST elective that is almost never taken by minors outside of HESC, while students who major in Sports Management and minor in LEST are never able to use this class toward their minor. Under the proposed rule change, these students would be able to count HESC 347 as an elective for LEST even though it is offered and required by their major. This puts Sports Management students on a level playing field with students majoring in CRJU, who are able to use for the minor one of the CRJU classes approved as a substantive law course or as an approved substitute for LEST 401.

Illustration of Application: If a student majoring in Political Science takes POSC 405 as the substitute for LEST 401, then that student may not take either of their two electives or the one substantive law course in the Department of Political Science and International Relations. However, if the same student took either LEST 401 or used CRJU 475 as the approved substitute for LEST 401, then that student could use one course offered by the Department of Political Science and International Relations for one of the two electives or the substantive law course.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the present curriculum.)

Minor in Legal Studies

(present requirements as listed in the current 2006-2007 catalogue)

| CURRICULUM | | Credits |
|----------------------------|---|----------------|
| LEST 301 | Introduction to Legal Studies (same as CRJU 301) | 3 |
| <u>or</u> | | |
| LEST 380 | Introduction to Law (same as POSC 380) | 3 |
| LEST 201 | The Law and You | 1 |
| LEST 401 | Senior Seminar in Legal Studies (or substitute approved by the Director of LEST) | 3 |
| One substantive law course | (selected from the list of ten substantive law courses below) | 3 |
| Two electives | (selected from the list below) | 6 |
| Total credits | | 16 |

Neither of the two electives may be: (a) required by the student's major, or (b) offered by the student's major department; and the student must take the two elective courses from at least two different departments outside the student's major. Any substitute course for LEST 401 does not count as one of the two electives or as the substantive law course.

Electives: [list of electives follows]

Substantive law courses:

[list of substantive law courses follows]

Minor in Legal Studies

(with proposed revisions)

| CURRICULUM | | Credits |
|----------------------------|---|----------|
| LEST 301 | Introduction to Legal Studies (same as CRJU 301) | 3 |
| <u>or</u> | | |
| LEST 380 | Introduction to Law (same as POSC 380) | 3 |
| LEST 201 | The Law and You | 1 |
| LEST 401 | Senior Seminar in Legal Studies (or substitute approved by the Director of LEST) | 3 |
| One substantive law course | (selected from the list of ten substantive law courses below) | 3 |
| Two electives | (selected from the list below) | <u>6</u> |
| Total credits | | 16 |

From among the two electives and one substantive law course: (a) no more than one may be required by the student's major department or offered by the student's major department; and (b) at least two must be taken outside the student's major and in two different departments. Provided, however, if the student uses a course offered by the department of their major as a substitute for LEST 401, then *none* of the two electives and substantive law course may be required or offered by the department of their major. Any course that is used as a substitute course for LEST 401 may not count as one of the two electives or as the substantive law course. Students with more than one major need only take into account one major (whichever one they choose) when applying the above requirements for the LEST minor; the other major may be ignored for purposes of applying the above rules.

Electives: [same list of electives follows]

Substantive law courses:

[same list of substantive law courses follows]

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chair/ Program Director _____ Date _____

Dean of College _____ Date _____

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____

Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____

Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____

Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____

Vice Provost for Academic Programs & Planning _____ Date _____

Provost _____ Date _____

Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

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