The School of Criminology offers a Minor in Legal Studies, open to students in all study programs. Students complete a series of law-related courses that prepare them to deal with legal issues in their work or further education. Through a combination of required and elective courses, students learn about the various sources of law, learn how to conduct legal research, and become familiar with both procedural and substantive aspects of law, including criminal, constitutional, civil, and administrative law subjects.

Students interested in attending law school benefit greatly from the Legal Studies Minor, essentially developing and refining many of the skills they will need to be successful in law school. Students learn the law through learning about the various cases that form precedent in the Canadian legal system, and they also become familiar with various statutory enactments.

Students not intent in going to law school, but who seek a career in which they will be working in a legal environment also benefit greatly from the Legal Studies Minor. Police Officers, customs and immigration officers, and Correctional Workers all work in legal environments in which it is essential to know the related laws, know the scope and limits on various rights and freedoms, and be able to read and employ legal sources. Each of these careers require knowledge of the obligations imposed on state representatives by the legal system. Further, there are many other law-related careers for which this minor prepares students, including policy and analysis, victim services and support roles, administrative and court-specific positions, and legal research.

Rather than simply learning the law, students in the Legal Studies Minor program take various perspectives courses that allow them to view the law with critical insight while honing their legal writing and research skills.

NOTE FOR CRIMINOLOGY MAJORS:
It is recommended to complete the Certificate in Legal Studies. Criminology Majors who wish to complete this Minor must complete six of the Upper Division Units in a discipline outside of their Major. Upper Division Courses cannot be used for formal credit in both Criminology Major & Minor in Legal Studies.
MINOR IN LEGAL STUDIES

PROGRAM DECLARATION AND CONTINUATION
Students with a minimum 2.25 cumulative grade point average (CGPA)* apply for program declaration to the School of Criminology after completing 30 units including all of the Criminology lower division requirements with minimum C- grades.

To continue in the minor, students must maintain a 2.25 CGPA. Students whose CGPA falls below 2.25 cannot enrol in any upper division CRIM courses.

*transfer students who meet the Criminology program declaration requirements upon admission to SFU may use their admission CGPA for declaration purposes.

LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS
All of
• CRIM 135 - Introduction to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions: A Criminal Justice Perspective (3)
• POL 151 - Justice and Law (3)
and at least one of
• CRIM 210 - Law, Youth and Young Offenders (3)
• CRIM 230 - Criminal Law (3)

UPPER DIVISION COURSE ACCESS AND REQUIREMENTS
Students with a minimum 2.25 CGPA are eligible to enrol in upper division Criminology courses upon successful completion of 60 units and Criminology program declaration.

Note that same upper division course may not be used for formal credit in both the criminology major and the legal studies minor. Students cannot obtain credit for both the post baccalaureate diploma in legal studies and this minor program.

Students complete a minimum of 18 upper division units including:
One of
• CRIM 332 - Sociology of Law (3)
• CRIM 338 - Philosophy of Law (3)

Students must select additional courses totalling at least 15 units from the upper division courses. Students must ensure they have necessary lower division prerequisites.

Note: Students who have completed both CRIM 332 and 338 need only complete 12 units. Visit our website for course listing.

Criminology majors who wish to complete this minor must complete six of the upper division units in a discipline outside of their major.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Students must obtain a minimum grade of C- in all required courses. For graduation, students must obtain a minimum 2.25 CGPA, 2.25 UDGPA, 2.25 Criminology program CGPA, and 2.25 Criminology program UDGPA.

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Degree Requirements

FOR ALL BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) PROGRAMS, STUDENTS COMPLETE 120 UNITS, WHICH INCLUDES
• at least 60 units that must be completed at Simon Fraser University
• at least 45 upper division units, of which at least 30 upper division units must be completed at Simon Fraser University
• at least 65 units (including 21 upper division units) in Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences courses
• satisfaction of the writing, quantitative, and breadth requirements
• an overall cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and upper division CGPA of at least 2.0, and a program (major, joint major, extended minor, minor) CGPA and upper division CGPA of at least 2.0

WRITING, QUANTITATIVE, AND BREADTH REQUIREMENTS
Students admitted to Simon Fraser University beginning in the fall 2006 term must meet writing, quantitative and breadth requirements as part of any degree program they may undertake. See Writing, Quantitative, and Breadth Requirements for university-wide information.

Key faculty involved in the delivery of this minor program have extensive legal education and many years of experience in the legal field. Regular faculty contributing to Legal Studies-related courses, who have law degrees plus additional graduate qualifications, include the following:

• Neil Boyd, BA (Western), LLB, LLM (Osgoode Hall)
• Margaret Hall, BA Hons (UBC), LLB (Queen's), LLM, PhD (UBC)
• Helene Love, BSc (Victoria), JD, LLM (UBC), SJD (Toronto)
• David MacAlister, BA (S Fraser), JD (UBC), MA (S Fraser), LLM (Queen's)
• Tamara O’Doherty, BA (Fr Valley), JD (UBC), MA, PhD (S Fraser)

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