

POST BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN LEGAL STUDIES

The Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Legal Studies is available through on-campus course offerings, distance education (correspondence) format, or a combination of the two modes. It is open to holders of a recognized Bachelor's or higher degree in any other field. The Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Legal Studies will offer an excellent foundation for students planning on attending law school or for those pursuing graduate work in law and social policy, public administration, or allied programs. The aim of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma program is to apply a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of law and legal institutions by placing law into its social, philosophical, and economic context. Courses in the legal studies program adopt a social problems/issues perspective rather than engaging in the training of students for a career practicing law. It is believed that the study of law in this manner is an invaluable component of citizenship and should be useful for many chosen career paths.

Students must make separate application for admission to Simon Fraser University in accordance with Simon Fraser University procedures and deadlines for the appropriate semester.

Diploma requirements at Simon Fraser University include an undergraduate degree and thirty semester hours of upper division courses. (Students must ensure that they have the necessary lower level prerequisites for all courses in which they enroll.)

Lower Division Course Requirements

Students must complete the following courses:

CRIM 135-3 Introduction to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions
POL 151-3 The Administration of Justice

Students must select at least one from the following:

CRIM 210-3 Law, Youth and Young Offenders
CRIM 230-3 Criminal Law
CRIM 231-3 Introduction to the Judicial Process

Note: PHIL 120 Introduction to Moral Philosophy is also strongly recommended for Legal Studies Minor students. It is a prerequisite for PHIL 320 and PHIL 321.

Upper Division Course Requirements

Students must complete both of:

CRIM 332-3 Sociology of Law
CRIM 338-3 Philosophy of Law

In addition, students must select one of the following concentrations and complete all of the courses listed under their chosen concentration:

Criminal Law

CRIM 310-3 Young Offenders and Criminal Justice: Advanced Topics
CRIM 314-3 Mental Disorder, Criminality and the Law
CRIM 330-3 Criminal Procedure and Evidence
CRIM 331-3 Advanced Criminal Law
CRIM 335-3 Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Women and Law

CRIM 333-3 Women, Law and the State
CRIM 335-3 Human Rights and Civil Liberties
CRIM 432-3 Gender in the Courts and the Legal Profession

WS 303-4 Special Topics in Women's Studies (as Women and the Law)

Psychology and the Law

PSYC 369-3 Law and Psychology
PSYC 468-4 Selected Topics in Psycholegal Psychology
CRIM 314-3 Mental Disorder, Criminality and the Law
CRIM 435-3/GERO 435-3 Adult Guardianship Law

Education and Law

EDUC 445-4 Legal Context of Teaching
EDUC 446-4 Law for the Classroom Teacher
EDUC 448-4 Law in the Curriculum

Business, Economics and the Law

BUEC 391-3 Law in the Economic Society
BUEC 495-3 Legal Aspects of Economic Relationships
BUS 393-3 Commercial Law (subject to space availability)
ECON 388-3 Introduction to Law and Economics

Fundamental Rights and Law

CRIM 335-3 Human Rights and Civil Liberties
PHIL 320-3 Social and Political Philosophy
-or-
PHIL 321-3 Moral Issues and Theories
POL 324-4 The Canadian Constitution
POL 417-4 Human Rights Theories

The balance of the required 30 credits will be fulfilled by taking courses from those listed below:

BUS 393-3 Commercial Law (subject to space availability)
BUEC 391-3 Law in the Economic Society
BUEC 495-3 Legal Aspects of Economic Relationships (In the process of being changed to:
Seminar in Law and Economics)
CRIM 310-3 Young Offenders and Criminal Justice: Advanced Topics
CRIM 314-3 Mental Disorder, Criminality and the Law
CRIM 330-3 Criminal Procedure and Evidence
CRIM 331-3 Advanced Criminal Law
CRIM 333-3 Women, Law and the State
CRIM 335-3 Human Rights and Civil Liberties
CRIM 336-3 Corporate Crime and Corporate Regulation
CRIM-416/417/418-3 Current Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice (on legal topic)
CRIM 430-3 Judicial Administration and Planning
CRIM 432-3 Gender in the Courts and the Legal Profession
CRIM 435-3/GERO 435-3 Adult Guardianship Law
CRIM 436-3 Corporate Crime and Corporate Regulation: Advanced Topics
CRIM 437-3 Crime and Misconduct in the Professions
ECON 388-3 Introduction to Law and Economics
EDUC 445-4 Legal Context of Teaching
EDUC 446-4 Law for the Classroom Teacher
EDUC 448-4 Law in the Curriculum
HIST 312-4 Poverty, Crime and Madness: Society and the Outcast
PHIL 320-3 Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 321-3 Moral Issues and Theories
POL 324-4 The Canadian Constitution
POL 344-4 Public International Law
POL 346-4 International Organizations

POL 351-4 The Public Policy Process
POL 355-4 Governing Instruments
POL 417-4 Human Rights Theories
POL 459-4 Selected Topics in Governance
PSYC 369-3 Law and Psychology
PSYC 468-4 Selected Topics in Psycholegal Psychology
WS 303-4 Special Topics in Women's Studies (as Women and the Law)