Legal Studies

Program Requirements

M.A. Legal Studies (5.0 credits)
In consultation with the supervisor of graduate studies, each candidate is required to complete one of the following programs of studies:

Requirements - Thesis option (5.0 credits)
1. 2.0 credits in LAWS
2. 1.0 credit in:
   - LAWS 5000 [0.5] Theories of Law and Social Transformation
   - LAWS 5001 [0.5] Legal Method and Social Inquiry
3. 2.0 credits in:
   - LAWS 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis
which includes an oral examination
Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research essay option (5.0 credits)
1. 3.0 credits in LAWS
2. 1.0 credit in:
   - LAWS 5000 [0.5] Theories of Law and Social Transformation
   - LAWS 5001 [0.5] Legal Method and Social Inquiry
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - LAWS 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay
Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Course option (5.0 credits)
1. 4.5 credits in LAWS
2. 0.5 credits in:
   - LAWS 5000 [0.5] Theories of Law and Social Transformation
Total Credits 5.0

1 Students are encouraged to take 0.5 credit in a related discipline, in consultation with the supervisor of graduate studies.

2 Thesis/Research Essay: The thesis or research essay must represent the result of the candidate's independent research undertaken after being admitted into graduate studies in the Department of Law. Previous work of the candidate may be used only as introductory or background material for the thesis or research essay. A student may carry on research work related to the thesis or research essay off campus if the work is approved in advance and supervision arrangements have been made with the supervisor of graduate studies.

Selection of Courses in Related Disciplines
In addition to the graduate courses offered by the Department of Law, students in the M.A. program are encouraged to take at least 0.5 credit in a related discipline, in consultation with the supervisor of graduate studies.

Students can propose taking a graduate level course from any department in the University but the following disciplines tend to provide courses of particular interest to Legal Studies students: Canadian Studies, Economics, Geography, History, International Affairs, Journalism and Communication, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology and Anthropology, Social Work.

M.A. Legal Studies with Specialization in African Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis option
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
2. 1.0 credit in:
   - LAWS 5000 [0.5] Theories of Law and Social Transformation
   - LAWS 5001 [0.5] Legal Method and Social Inquiry
3. 0.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies
4. 1.5 credits in LAWS
5. 2.0 credits in:
   - LAWS 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (which includes an oral examination)
Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research essay option (5.0 credits)
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - LAWS 5000 [0.5] Theories of Law and Social Transformation
   - LAWS 5001 [0.5] Legal Method and Social Inquiry
4. 2.5 credits in LAWS
5. 1.0 credit in:
   - LAWS 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay
Total Credits 5.0

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Ph.D. Legal Studies (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 0.5 credit in:
   - LAWS 6000 [0.5] Doctoral Seminar in Legal Studies
2. 0.5 credit in:
   - LAWS 6001 [0.5] Proseminar in Legal Studies
3. 2.0 credits in:
   - LAWS 6095 [1.0] Field Comprehensive
   - LAWS 6096 [1.0] Thesis Proposal
4. **1.5 credits in** approved courses, at least 0.5 of which must be chosen from

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Students will normally be required to take the course which relates to their field of study. Optional courses will be selected from a list approved annually by the department. Students may complete up to 1.0 credit of approved courses offered in other departments. Students may also choose directed reading courses with the core faculty of the program.

5. Language requirements as noted below

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**Total Credits**: 10.0

**Ph.D. Legal Studies with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)**

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**Selection of Courses - Political Economy**

In addition to the graduate courses offered by, or associated with, the Institute of Political Economy, the courses listed below are relevant to students of political economy and would, with the prior approval of the Institute, be used to design a coherent and internally complementary set of courses to fulfill degree requirements. The list is not exclusive and is subject to change.

Master’s students may select 1.0 credit in political economy at the 4000-level.

**Note:** the number of spaces in graduate courses offered by other departments may be limited, and registration may be conditional upon obtaining the prior approval of the department concerned. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that permission is obtained from the appropriate department prior to registering in any of the following courses.

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**Communication and Media Studies**

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**Geography**

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HIST 5314 [0.5] Colonialism and Postcolonialism in Canada
HIST 5315 [0.5] State and Society in Canadian History
HIST 5803 [0.5] History of Women, Gender and Sexuality: Foundations

Law
LAWS 5002 [0.5] Law and Gender Relations
LAWS 5003 [0.5] Law, Economy and Society
LAWS 5004 [0.5] Law, Crime and Social Order
LAWS 5005 [0.5] Law, State and Politics
LAWS 5006 [0.5] Historical Perspectives on Law and Society
LAWS 5007 [0.5] Race, Ethnicity and the Law
LAWS 5200 [0.5] International Economic Law: Regulation of Trade and Investment
LAWS 5302 [0.5] Feminism, Law and Social Transformation
LAWS 5306 [0.5] Police and Capital

Political Economy
PECO 5501 [0.5] Selected Problems in Political Economy I
PECO 5502 [0.5] Selected Problems in Political Economy II

Political Science
PSCI 5003 [0.5] Political Parties in Canada
PSCI 5008 [0.5] The Politics of Climate Change
PSCI 5009 [0.5] Canadian Political Economy
PSCI 5100 [0.5] Indigenous Politics of North America
PSCI 5105 [0.5] Post-Communist Politics in East Central Europe
PSCI 5107 [0.5] Globalization, Adjustment and Democracy in Africa
PSCI 5202 [0.5] Development Theory and Issues
PSCI 5207 [0.5] International Political Sociology
PSCI 5208 [0.5] Global Social Policy
PSCI 5209 [0.5] Migration and Global Politics
PSCI 5303 [0.5] Governmentality and Politics
PSCI 5410 [0.5] Postcolonial Theories and Practices
PSCI 5509 [0.5] Governing in the Global Economy
PSCI 5607 [0.5] Politics of North America
PSCI 5802 [0.5] Political Economy of Global Money and Finance
PSCI 5808 [0.5] International Political Economy
PSCI 5810 [0.5] Approaches to Environmental Politics

Public Administration
PADM 5213 [0.5] Gender and Public Policy
PADM 5220 [0.5] Regulation and Public Policy
PADM 5224 [0.5] Aboriginal Policy
PADM 5228 [0.5] Social Policy
PADM 5811 [0.5] The International Policy Framework
PADM 5813 [0.5] The Evolution of World Bank/IMF Policy Conditionality

Social Work
SOWK 5102 [0.5] Political Economy of Health
SOWK 5105 [0.5] Poverty and Income Security
SOWK 5106 [0.5] Women and Social Policy
SOWK 5301 [0.5] Women, Male Violence and Social Change
SOWK 5805 [0.5] Social Development in the International Context

Sociology
SOCI 5000 [0.5] Classical Sociological Theory
SOCI 5002 [0.5] Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOCI 5007 [0.5] Social Change and Economic Development
SOCI 5204 [0.5] Consuming Passions: The Regulation of Consumption, Appearance and Sexuality
SOCI 5205 [1.0] Canadian Society
SOCI 5209 [0.5] Sociology of Science and Technology
SOCI 5305 [0.5] Police and Capital
SOCI 5308 [0.5] Feminist Analyses
SOCI 5400 [0.5] Political Sociology
SOCI 5404 [0.5] Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies
SOCI 5405 [0.5] Power and Stratification
SOCI 5407 [0.5] Governmentality and Politics
SOCI 5408 [0.5] Feminism and Materialism
SOCI 5409 [0.5] The Politics of Social Movements and the State
SOCI 5504 [0.5] Selected Problems in Political Economy I
SOCI 5607 [0.5] Contemporary Theories of Crime and Social Regulation
SOCI 5804 [0.5] Modern Marxist Theory
SOCI 5806 [0.5] Selected Topics in Sociology

As indicated above, each doctoral candidate must successfully write and pass a field comprehensive examination (LAWS 6095 [1.0]). The examination will focus on the relevant theoretical and methodological issues related to the candidate's field of study:

1. Crime, Law and Security
2. Human Rights, Citizenship and Global Justice
3. Law, Regulation and Governance

The examination can take a variety of forms including, for example, a major paper, a take-home examination, or a course design, each of which may be required to be defended at an oral examination. The exact format of the comprehensive examination is at the discretion of the student's supervisory committee in consultation with the student. This committee will also form the examining board of the comprehensive examination. Evaluation is on the basis of Pass with Distinction/Pass/Fail. LAWS 6095 [1.0] will normally be completed no later than the end of the fall of the second year of registration in the program. Failure to
complete the examination successfully will result in denial of permission to continue in the program.

Also as indicated above, each doctoral candidate must successfully complete and defend a thesis proposal (LAWS 6096 [1.0]). The proposal must be written after the completion of the other course requirements, and normally should be completed by the end of the second year of doctoral study. The proposal is defended at an oral examination conducted by the supervisory committee. Evaluation is on the basis: Pass/Fail. The proposal must be successfully defended before the candidate can register in the Ph.D. Thesis (LAWS 6909 [5.5]).

**Thesis**
The Ph.D. thesis must be successfully defended at an oral examination.

**Language Requirements**
Candidates must demonstrate reading ability in an approved language, other than English, normally by successfully completing a translation examination during the second year of full-time enrollment in the program.

**Period of Study**
This program is designed to be completed in four years of full-time study. Students admitted to part-time study will normally complete all requirements within eight years of registration.

**Selection of Courses in Related Disciplines**
In addition to the graduate courses offered by the Department of Law, students in the Ph.D. program are permitted to take up to 1.0 credit of courses in a related discipline, in consultation with the Graduate Supervisor.

Students should be aware that the number of spaces in graduate courses offered by other departments may be limited, and that registration may be conditional upon obtaining the prior approval of the department concerned. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that permission is obtained from the appropriate department prior to registering in any of the department's courses.

For an up-to-date listing of offerings and course descriptions in other departments, please consult the graduate calendar and the class schedule at https://central.carleton.ca.

**Regulations**
See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

**Guidelines for Completion of Master's Degree**
Full-time students are expected to complete the required two courses LAWS 5000 and LAWS 5001 and either an additional 2.0 credits (for those following the thesis program), or an additional 3.0 credits (for those following the research essay program) by the end of their third year of study. The thesis or research essay should normally be submitted by the end of the fifth year of study.

**Admission**
The requirement for admission into the M.A. program in Legal Studies is an Honours bachelor's degree or the equivalent, with at least high honours standing.

Applicants will be considered for admission on the basis of their academic background and standing. Where relevant, previous professional experience may be taken into account.

The Supervisor of Graduate Studies may, in some circumstances, recommend that applicants with exceptional promise who have less than BA (Honours) status be admitted into a qualifying-year program designed to raise their standing to honours status.

Applicants without a background in law may be required to complete one or more designated courses from the department's undergraduate program before taking courses towards the master's degree.

Application deadlines can be found at: https://gsapplications.carleton.ca

**Admission**
Applicants will normally hold a master's degree (or equivalent) with at least an A- average. Given the interdisciplinary nature of the department and the graduate program, applications are accepted from a wide variety of backgrounds, including, but not limited to, legal studies, political science, history, criminology, sociology, women's studies and philosophy. In cases of uncertainty, potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Graduate Supervisor as to the suitability of their background.

Depending on their academic background, applicants may be asked to complete course work in addition to the Ph.D. program requirements.