

MINOR/CERTIFICATE IN LEGAL STUDIES (ABA-APPROVED)

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Quinnipiac University's ABA-approved minor/certificate in Legal Studies is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the paralegal profession. The minor is planned and taught by lawyers to provide students with a solid grounding in the fundamentals of the legal system. The courses chosen for the minor prepare students to work as a paralegal in diverse legal settings. The legal studies minor/certificate has been approved by the American Bar Association as a paralegal education program. A paralegal performs specifically delegated substantive legal work under the supervision of an attorney. While paralegals may not give legal advice to clients or appear in court on their behalf, these highly skilled professionals perform a wide range of tasks and play an integral role in the delivery of legal services.

The education focuses on particular core areas of the law and on developing specific legal research, writing, and critical thinking skills, all within a framework of the ethical and statutory constraints confronting the paralegal profession. This combination of theoretical classwork with real-world experience, along with exposure to traditional liberal arts and general education, and a major in another discipline at Quinnipiac, prepares legal studies certificate students for a broad range of professional opportunities.

Legal Studies Minor/Certificate Curriculum

Total of 21 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses (Students must earn a grade of C or better in all 200 level or above required courses in the Legal Studies minor/certificate to move to the next required course)		15
LE 101	Introduction to the American Legal System	3
LE 211	Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing I	3
LE 212	Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing II	3
LE 305	Civil Procedures	3
LE 485	Legal Internship Seminar ¹	3
Legal Studies Electives (choose two from electives approved as Legal Practice)		6
LE 309	Advanced Legal Writing and Advocacy	3
LE 311	Administrative Agencies	3
LE 315	Wills, Probate and Estate Administration	3
LE 320	Land Transfer and Closing Procedures	3
LE 328	Employment Law	3

LE 330	Law of Business Entities	3
LE 345	Intellectual Property	3
LE 360	Mediation	3
LE 370	Negotiation	3

¹ Course available beginning Fall 2019

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who graduate with a Minor/Certificate in Legal Studies will be able to:

1. Understand and critically assess how law is made, interpreted, and applied in the United States.
2. Analyze a legal problem, research and synthesize the law, apply it to a set of facts, and write a legal memo using a generally accepted format for the legal profession with proper legal citation.
3. Draft, review, organize, and manage legal documents and correspondence using proper format and appropriate content.
4. Formulate and present a coherent, well-supported legal argument in both written and oral form to diverse audiences.
5. Apply their legal skills and knowledge in a professional legal setting, consistent with ethical standards governing the legal profession.