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**New Minor Proposal Form**

[x]  **Undergraduate Curriculum Council** - Print 1 copy for signatures and save 1 electronic copy.

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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date…**Department Chair:**  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date…**General Education Committee Chair (If applicable)**   |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date…**College Curriculum Committee Chair** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date…**Undergraduate Curriculum Council Chair** |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date…**College Dean** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date…**Graduate Curriculum Committee Chair** |
|  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date…**Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs** |

**i. Proposed Program Title**

Minor in Legal Studies

**ii. Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

Patricia Quinn Robertson; probertson@astate.edu; 870-972-2300

**iii. Proposed Starting Date**

8/15/2016

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions**  |
| **Please visit** [**http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot**](http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot) **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Follow the following guidelines for indicating necessary changes.** **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.** - Deleted courses/credit hours should be marked with a red strike-through (~~red strikethrough~~)- New credit hours and text changes should be listed in blue using enlarged font (blue using enlarged font). - Any new courses should be listed in blue bold italics using enlarged font (***blue bold italics using enlarged font***)*You can easily apply any of these changes by selecting the example text in the instructions above, double-clicking the ‘format painter’ icon 🡪 , and selecting the text you would like to apply the change to.* *Please visit* [*https://youtu.be/yjdL2n4lZm4*](https://youtu.be/yjdL2n4lZm4) *for more detailed instructions.* |

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**Minor in Legal Studies**

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| **Required Courses:****Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.25 or a grade of at least a “C” for each course in the minor.** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| **LAW 2023, Legal Environment of Business** | **3** |
| **Select one of the following:****POSC 3033, Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy** **POSC 3043, Judicial Process and Legal Reasoning** **POSC 3123, American Constitutional Law****POSC 3183, Criminal Law and the Constitution** | **3** |
| **Select four of the following:****ACCT 4163, Estate Planning and Taxation****AGEC 4033, Agricultural Law****LAW 4033, Law of Commercial Transactions** **LAW 4043, Law of Business Organizations** **LAW 4053, Employment Law** **LAW 4063, Hospitality Law** **LAW 4073, Business Law in Popular Culture** **LAW 459V, Special Problems in Law** **REI 4413, Real Estate Law** | **12** |
| **Total Required Hours:**  | **18** |



**NEW MINOR ASSESSMENT**

**University Goals**

1. Please indicate the university-level student learning outcomes for which this new minor will contribute. Check all that apply.

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| 1. [ ] Global Awareness
 | 1. [x] Thinking Critically
 | 1. [ ] Information Literacy
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**MINOR Goals**

2. Justification for the introduction of the new emphasis. Must include:

1. Academic rationale (how will this minor fit into the mission established by the department for the curriculum?)
The Minor in Legal Studies fits into the Arkansas State University mission and the College of Business mission. According to Chief Justice Earl Warren, “In civilized life, law floats in a sea of ethics.” The mission of the College of Business includes a commitment to emphasize “social responsibility/ethics.” This minor, with its emphasis on legal and ethical reasoning and decision-making, supports the following learning goal of the College of Business: Students will be sensitive to ethical issues when making business decisions. The Minor in Legal Studies also fits into the mission of Arkansas State University because an understanding of law is important for leadership, intellectual growth and enrichment of lives. The minor educates our students as future leaders about the rule of law, helps these leaders make sound decisions, and gives these leaders tools to promote reform of the law when needed. The minor will also enhance intellectual growth of our students through its emphasis of critical thinking, which is a learning outcome both at the college level and the university level. Successful students in this minor will be able to identify legal and ethical issues in context and analyze legal and ethical decisions.
2. List goals for the minor (faculty, enrollment and/or curricular goals.)

Goals include: increasing enrollment in courses required for the minor; creating an emphasis area to support the Bachelor of General Studies; promoting the critical thinking learning goal of the university; and advancing the critical thinking and ethics learning goals of the College of Business. Student learning outcomes for the minor are listed in #3 below. Only one new course will be added as an option for this minor, and otherwise the minor will consist of existing courses. No additional faculty will be needed.

1. Student population served.

This minor will serve all undergraduate students at Arkansas State University.

**Emphasis Student Learning Outcomes**

3. Please fill out the following table to develop a continuous improvement assessment process for this minor.

*For further assistance, please see the ‘Expanded Instructions’ document available on the UCC - Forms website for guidance, or contact the Office of Assessment at 870-972-2989.*

***Note: Best practices suggest 4-7 outcomes per program; minors would have 1 to 4 outcomes.***

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| **Outcome 1** | Successful students will be able to identify legal and ethical issues in context.  |
| Assessment Procedure Criterion | Direct Measure: Students shall answer essay question(s) on an exam to assess this outcome. Indirect measure: Students in the minor shall answer a survey to assess this outcome. |
| Which courses are responsible for this outcome? | LAW 2023, Legal Environment of BusinessPOSC 3033, Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy POSC 3043, Judicial Process and Legal Reasoning POSC 3123, American Constitutional LawPOSC 3183, Criminal Law and the ConstitutionACCT 4163, Estate Planning and TaxationAGEC 4033, Agricultural LawLAW 4033, Law of Commercial Transactions LAW 4043, Law of Business Organizations LAW 4053, Employment Law LAW 4063, Hospitality Law LAW 4073, Business Law in Popular Culture LAW 459V, Special Problems in Law  REI 4413, Real Estate Law |
| Assessment Timetable | This shall be assessed in Spring of odd years. |
| Who is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results? | The Law faculty and Department Chair in the Department of Economics and Finance is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results. |

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| **Outcome 2** | Successful students will be able to analyze legal and ethical decisions. |
| Assessment Procedure Criterion | Direct Measure: Students shall write a paper requiring analysis of a legal and ethical issue to assess this outcome. Indirect measure: Students in the minor shall answer a survey to assess this outcome. |
| Which courses are responsible for this outcome? | ACCT 4163, Estate Planning and TaxationAGEC 4033, Agricultural LawLAW 4033, Law of Commercial Transactions LAW 4043, Law of Business Organizations LAW 4053, Employment Law LAW 4063, Hospitality Law LAW 4073, Business Law in Popular Culture LAW 459V, Special Problems in Law  REI 4413, Real Estate Law |
| Assessment Timetable | This shall be assessed in Spring of even years. |
| Who is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results? | The Law faculty and Department Chair in the Department of Economics and Finance is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results. |

**LETTER OF NOTIFICATION
NEW MINOR**(Maximum 18 semester credit hours of new theory courses and 6 credit hours of new practicum courses)

1. Institution submitting request:

Arkansas State University

2. Contact person/title:

Patricia Quinn Robertson, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Business Law

3. Phone number/e-mail address:

870-972-2300/probertson@astate.edu

4. Proposed effective date:

8/15/2016

5. Title of minor:

Minor in Legal Studies

6. CIP Code:

22.0001

7. Reason for proposed action:

This Minor supports and advances the Critical Thinking learning goals of Arkansas State University and the Arkansas State University College of Business. In addition, it supports the Ethics learning goal of the College of Business. The Minor is suitable for students in all majors, and it will support the Bachelor of General Studies as an emphasis area. Multiple students in various majors have requested this Minor, and the Minor will require no new faculty.

8. New minor objective:

Students will identify legal and ethical issues in context and analyze legal and ethical decisions.

9. Provide the following:

a. Curriculum outline - List of required courses

LAW 2023, Legal Environment of Business (3 hours)

Select one of the following courses (3 hours):

POSC 3033, Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy

POSC 3043, Judicial Process and Legal Reasoning

POSC 3123, American Constitutional Law

POSC 3183, Criminal Law and the Constitution

Select four of the following courses (12 hours):

ACCT 4163, Estate Planning and Taxation

AGEC 4033, Agricultural Law

LAW 4033, Law of Commercial Transactions

LAW 4043, Law of Business Organizations

LAW 4053, Employment Law

LAW 4063, Hospitality Law

LAW 4073, Business Law in Popular Culture

LAW 459V, Special Problems in Law

REI 4413, Real Estate Law

b. New course descriptions

LAW 4073, Business Law in Popular Culture. A study of the interaction of popular culture with business law in variety of contexts. Prerequisite, LAW 2023 or consent of instructor. Fall, odd.

c. Program goals and objectives

The program goal and objective is that students will be able to identify legal and ethical issues in context and analyze legal and ethical decisions.

d. Expected student learning outcomes

Successful students will be able to identify legal and ethical issues in context.

Successful students will be able to analyze legal and ethical decisions.

10. Will the new option be offered via distance delivery?

No

11. Mode of delivery to be used:

Traditional classroom delivery

12. Explain in detail the distance delivery procedures to be used:

Not Applicable

13. Is the degree approved for distance delivery?

No

14. List courses in minor. Include course descriptions for new courses:

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LAW 4073, Business Law in Popular Culture.

LAW 459V, Special Problems in Law

REI 4413, Real Estate Law

Description of New Course: LAW 4073, Business Law in Popular Culture. A study of the interaction of popular culture with business law in variety of contexts. Prerequisite, LAW 2023 or consent of instructor. Fall, odd.

15. Specify the amount of the additional costs required, the source of funds, and how funds will be used.

No additional costs

President/Chancellor Approval Date: Click here to enter a date.

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Chief Academic officer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: Enter date.

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