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Thomas R. Kline School of Law

The Thomas R. Kline School of Law (<http://www.drexel.edu/law/>) was established in 2006, building on the existing strengths of Drexel University in areas including experiential education and the fields of engineering, science, business, and health care.

Undergraduate courses offered through Kline School of Law provide students with a strong grounding in legal doctrine: helping them understand how laws and regulations are made, interpreted, and applied in legislatures, courthouses, administrative agencies, and communities. At the same time, we believe that law cannot be fully understood by studying doctrine alone or in the abstract. Our law courses are infused with multidisciplinary perspectives that help students develop a deeper, more critical understanding of the role law plays in our society and our world, and our programs are designed to be flexible so students can combine the study of law with a more traditional academic discipline.

The undergraduate study of law will help prepare students for employment and graduate education in areas from health care to human resources, and from social services to digital media: any field where familiarity with legal systems, processes, and regulations are a significant advantage. Students will gain both important theoretical grounding in law and legal theory along with a distinctly practical understanding of how statutes and laws regulate a variety of individual, societal, and institutional choices.

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Law BA

Major: Law

Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Calendar Type: Quarter

Minimum Required Credits: 180.0

Co-op Options: No Co-op (Four years); One Co-op (Four years); Three Co-op (Five years)

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code: 22.9999

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code: 23.2011; 23.2099; 13-1041

About the Program

Law permeates every aspect of contemporary American life. All of us encounter and interact with the law on a daily basis, whether through the criminal justice system, innovations in technology and business, or compliance with state and federal laws. The undergraduate BA in Law prepares students for post-graduate study in law and fields such as public policy, as well as careers that do not require a licensed attorney, but where a sound understanding of the law and the complex nature of the regulatory state are essential. A series of required courses builds skills in critical thinking, reasoning, written and oral communication, and in the understanding of legal doctrines. Students will learn foundational concepts in public and private law and acquire the requisite skills to find, read, and interpret case law and statutes.

Students in the Law major also choose a minor or second major, so that their broad knowledge of law is deepened by study in a particular substantive field. This well-rounded course of study, especially when combined with Drexel's strength in experiential education, will leave students prepared to apply their skills and understanding of U.S. law and legal systems in a variety of post-graduate educational and employment settings.

Admission Requirements

Standard admission requirements for Drexel students; no additional specific requirements.

Additional Information

For more information about this program, please contact UGLaw@drexel.edu.

Additional information can be found on the UG Law (<https://drexel.edu/law/academics/undergraduate-law-program/>) web page.

Degree Requirements

The Law BA requires 180.0 credits. Electives taken will depend on which courses are selected in the degree requirements.

Click here (<https://catalog.drexel.edu/coursedescriptions/quarter/undergrad/law/>) for a complete list of undergraduate LAW course descriptions.

General Requirements

CIVC 101	Introduction to Civic Engagement	1.0
COOP 101	Career Management and Professional Development *	1.0
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric I: Inquiry and Exploratory Research	3.0
or ENGL 111	English Composition I	
ENGL 102	Composition and Rhetoric II: Advanced Research and Evidence-Based Writing	3.0
or ENGL 112	English Composition II	
ENGL 103	Composition and Rhetoric III: Themes and Genres	3.0
or ENGL 113	English Composition III	
UNIV L101	The Drexel Experience	1.0
UNIV L201	Looking Forward: Academics and Careers	1.0

Humanities & Fine Arts Requirements

PHIL 105	Critical Reasoning	3.0
Additional English Course (Any ENGL 200+)		3.0

Social Sciences Requirements

CJS 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
COM 230	Techniques of Speaking	3.0
PSCI 110	American Government	4.0
PSCI 220	Constitutional Law I	4.0

Quantitative Skills Requirements

One Math course (Any MATH 100+)		3.0-4.0
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Scientific Literacy Requirement

Two Science courses **		6.0-8.0
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Culture & Society Requirement

Four courses from Culture & Society course list ***		14.0-16.0
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Major Requirements

LAW 101	Law & Society	4.0
LAW 102	Law Lab	2.0
LAW 110	American Legal Systems	4.0
LAW 135	Foundations of Legal Research	2.0
LAW 201	The Role of the Common Law in the American Legal System	4.0
LAW 210	Public Law: Legislation and Regulation	4.0
LAW 301 [WI]	Legal Reasoning	4.0
LAW 315	Power, Professionalism, & the Law	4.0
LAW 495 [WI]	Capstone Seminar in Law	4.0
Major Electives		28.0
At least 12.0 of these 28.0 credits must be LAW courses at the 200-level or above		
Up to 16.0 of these 28.0 credits may be pre-approved electives outside of LAW (see list below)		
Free Electives		64.0-59.0
Students are required to complete a minor (24.0 credits) or second major as part of these remaining credits		
Total Credits		180.0

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Students not participating in co-op will take one additional credit of free elective instead of COOP 101.

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Any Biology (BIO), Chemistry (CHEM), Geoscience (GEO), Nutrition (NFS), Physics (PHYS), or Environmental Science (ENVS) course

See Culture & Society course list

Pre-Approved Electives for the Major

Up to 16.0 credits may be taken from this list toward the 28.0 credits of Major Electives

ANTH 250	Anthropology of Immigration	3.0
BLAW 201	Business Law I	4.0
BLAW 320	Information Privacy, Data and the Law	4.0
BLAW 342	Criminal Law	4.0
BLAW 358	Employment Law	4.0
BLAW 360	Intellectual Property and Cyber Law	4.0
CJS 200	Criminology	3.0
CJS 210	Race, Crime, and Justice	3.0
CJS 261	Prison, Society and You	4.0
CJS 290	Crime and Public Policy	3.0
CJS 320	Comparative Justice Systems	3.0
CJS 360	Juvenile Justice	3.0
CJS 362	Gender, Crime, and Justice	3.0
CJS 376	Sentencing	3.0
EAM 220	Law for Entertainment and Arts Management Managers	3.0
EAM 221	Copyrights and Trademarks	3.0
EDUC 312	Educational Policy, Law & Advocacy	3.0
ENSS 283	Introduction to Environmental Policy	3.0
ENSS 346	Environmental Justice	4.0
GST 221	Introduction to Global Capital and Development	4.0
GST 241	Introduction to Power and Resistance	4.0
HIST 214	United States Civil Rights Movement	4.0
HIST 215	American Slavery	4.0
HIST 216	Freedom in America	4.0
HIST 222	History of Work & Workers in America	4.0
HIST 293	Global Legal History	4.0
HSAD 210	Health-Care Ethics I	3.0
HSAD 322	Health-Care Law	3.0
HSAD 335 [WI]	Health-Care Policy	3.0
JWST 222	Comparative Religious Ethics	3.0

PBHL 304	Introduction to Health & Human Rights	3.0
PBHL 314	Environmental and Occupational Health	3.0
PBHL 316	Drugs, Society, and Public Health	3.0
PHIL 241	Social & Political Philosophy	3.0
PHIL 251	Ethics	3.0
PHIL 330	Criminal Justice Ethics	3.0
PHIL 385	Philosophy of Law	3.0
PSCI 229	Theories of Justice	4.0
PSCI 252	Global Governance	4.0
PSCI 260 [WI]	Power in Protest: Social Movements in Comparative Perspective	4.0
PSCI 284	Environmental Politics	4.0
PSCI 353	International Human Rights	4.0
PSCI 363	Constitutional Law II	4.0
PSCI 364	Constitutional Law III	4.0
PSCI 366	Supreme Court and American Politics	4.0
PSY 270	Psychology of Hate	3.0
PSY 370	Forensic Psychology	3.0
PSY 371	Law and Psychology	3.0
SOC 210	Race, Ethnicity and Social Inequality	4.0
SOC 221	Sociology of the Family	4.0
SOC 222	Sex and Society	4.0
SOC 230	Gender and Society	4.0
SOC 320	Sociology of Deviance	4.0
SOC 346	Environmental Justice	4.0
WGST 225	Women & Human Rights Worldwide	3.0
WGST 275	Women's Health and Human Rights	3.0

Culture & Society Courses

AFAS - 100-499		
ANTH - 100-499		
ARBC - 100-499		
ARTH 301	Asian Art and Culture	3.0
BACS 100	Life Span Human Development	3.0
CHIN - 100-499		
COM 101	Human Communication	3.0
COM 210	Theory and Models of Communication	3.0
COM 240	New Technologies In Communication	3.0
COM 342	English Worldwide	3.0
COM 345	Intercultural Communication	3.0
COM 355	Ethnography of Communication	3.0
COM 360	Strategic International Communication	3.0
ECON 342	Economic Development	4.0
EDUC 216	Diversity and Today's Teacher	3.0
EDUC 411	Family and Community Partnerships	3.0
ENGL 203 [WI]	Survey of World Literature	3.0
ENGL 204	Post-Colonial Literature	3.0
ENGL 207 [WI]	African American Literature	3.0
ENGL 307	Literature of Genocide	3.0
ENGL 325	Topics in World Literature	3.0
ENGL 355 [WI]	Women and Literature	3.0
ENGL 350	Jewish Literature and Civilization	3.0
ENGL 492	Seminar in World Literature	3.0
ENVS 323	Tropical Field Studies	3.0
FREN - 100-499		
GER - 100-499		
GST - 100-499		
HBRW - 100-499		
HIST 161	Themes in World Civilization I	4.0
HIST 162	Themes in World Civilization II	4.0
HIST 163	Themes in World Civilization III	4.0
HIST 203	United States History since 1900	4.0

HIST 216	Freedom in America	4.0
HIST 222	History of Work & Workers in America	4.0
HIST 235	The Great War, 1914-1918	4.0
HIST 236	World War II	4.0
HIST 251	Fascism	4.0
HIST 255	Twentieth Century Russia & the USSR	4.0
HIST 257	The Reformation Age	4.0
HIST 264	East Asia in Modern Times	4.0
HIST 285	Technology in Historical Perspective	4.0
HIST 303	The Study of Global History	4.0
HIST 321	Themes in Global Environmental History	4.0
HIST 338 [WI]	The Vietnam War	4.0
HIST 355	Venice and the Mediterranean from the Middle Ages to Napoleon	4.0
HRM 435	Wine Regions of the World	3.0
HSAD 316	Health Care across Cultures	3.0
ITAL - 100-499		
JAPN - 100-499		
JWST - 100-499		
KOR - 100-499		
LING 102	Language and Society	3.0
MKTG 357	Global Marketing	4.0
MUSC 331	World Musics	3.0
PHIL 110	Introduction to Philosophy	3.0
PHIL 212	Ancient Philosophy	3.0
PHIL 241	Social & Political Philosophy	3.0
PHIL 251	Ethics	3.0
PHIL 291	Judaism and Christianity: Two Religions or One?	3.0
PHIL 335	Global Ethical Issues	3.0
PHIL 391	Philosophy of Religion	3.0
PSCI 140	Comparative Politics I	4.0
PSCI 150	International Politics	4.0
PSCI 252	Global Governance	4.0
PSCI 255	International Political Economy	4.0
PSCI 260 [WI]	Power in Protest: Social Movements in Comparative Perspective	4.0
PSCI 351	The United Nations in World Politics	4.0
PSCI 352	Ethics and International Relations	4.0
PSCI 353	International Human Rights	4.0
PSCI 375	Politics of Immigration	4.0
PSY 150	Introduction to Social Psychology	3.0
PSY 252	Death and Dying	3.0
PSY 254	Psychology of Sexual Behavior	3.0
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
SOC 115	Social Problems	4.0
SOC 210	Race, Ethnicity and Social Inequality	4.0
SOC 230	Gender and Society	4.0
SOC 240	Urban Sociology	4.0
SOC 313	Sociology of Global Health	4.0
SOC 278	Global Climate Change and Society	3.0
SOC 330	Development and Underdevelopment in the Global South	4.0
SOC 340	Globalization	4.0
SPAN - 100-499		
WGST - 100-499		
HIST 219	History of Policing Homosexuality	4.0
HIST 344	History of the AIDS Pandemic	4.0
HIST 368	Silences in African History	4.0

Writing-Intensive Course Requirements

In order to graduate, all students must pass three writing-intensive courses after their freshman year. Two writing-intensive courses must be in a student's major. The third can be in any discipline. Students are advised to take one writing-intensive class each year, beginning with the sophomore year, and to avoid "clustering" these courses near the end of their matriculation. Transfer students need to meet with an academic advisor to review the number of writing-intensive courses required to graduate.

A "WI" next to a course in this catalog may indicate that this course can fulfill a writing-intensive requirement. For the most up-to-date list of writing-intensive courses being offered, students should check the Writing Intensive Course List (<https://drexel.edu/coas/academics/departments-centers/english-philosophy/university-writing-program/faculty-programs/#writing-intensive-list>) at the University Writing Program (<http://drexel.edu/coas/academics/departments-centers/english-philosophy/university-writing-program/>). (<http://drexel.edu/coas/academics/departments-centers/english-philosophy/university-writing-program/drexel-writing-center/>) Students scheduling their courses can also conduct a search for courses with the attribute "WI" to bring up a list of all writing-intensive courses available that term.

Sample Plan of Study

4-year, no co-op

First Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ENGL 101 or 111	3.0 ENGL 102 or 112	3.0 ENGL 103 or 113	3.0 VACATION	
LAW 101	4.0 LAW 110	4.0 LAW 201	4.0	
LAW 102	2.0 LAW 135	2.0 Free Electives	8.0	
PSCI 110	4.0 PHIL 105	3.0		
UNIV L101	1.0 Free Elective	3.0		
	14	15	15	0
Second Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
CIVC 101	1.0 CJS 101	3.0 Culture & Society Course	4.0 VACATION	
COM 230	3.0 PSCI 220	4.0 Free Elective	4.0	
LAW 210	4.0 Major Elective	4.0 Major Elective	3.0	
Free Electives	8.0 Quantitative Skills Course	4.0 Scientific Literacy Course	4.0	
	16	15	15	0
Third Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
UNIV L201	1.0 LAW 315	4.0 LAW 301	4.0 VACATION	
ENGL Course (200+ Level)	3.0 Culture & Society Course	4.0 Culture & Society Course	3.0	
Free Elective	3.0 Free Elective	4.0 Free Elective	4.0	
Major Electives	7.0 Scientific Literacy Course	4.0 Major Elective	4.0	
	14	16	15	0
Fourth Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits	
LAW 495	4.0 Culture & Society Course	3.0 Free Electives	14.0	
Free Electives	7.0 Free Electives	7.0 Major Elective	3.0	
Major Elective	4.0 Major Elective	3.0		
	15	13	17	

Total Credits 180

4-year, 1 co-op

First Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ENGL 101 or 111	3.0 ENGL 102 or 112	3.0 ENGL 103 or 113	3.0 VACATION	
LAW 101	4.0 LAW 110	4.0 LAW 201	4.0	
LAW 102	2.0 LAW 135	2.0 Free Electives	7.0	
PSCI 110	4.0 PHIL 105	3.0		
UNIV L101	1.0 Free Elective	3.0		
	14	15	14	0
Second Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
CIVC 101	1.0 CJS 101	3.0 LAW 301	4.0 ENGL Course (200+ Level)	3.0
COM 230	3.0 COOP 101*	1.0 Culture & Society Course	4.0 Culture & Society Course	3.0
LAW 210	4.0 PSCI 220	4.0 Free Elective	4.0 Free Elective	3.0

Free Electives	8.0 Major Elective	4.0 Scientific Literacy Course	4.0 Scientific Literacy Course	4.0
	Quantitative Skills Course	4.0		
	16	16	16	13
Third Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
UNIV L201	1.0 LAW 315	4.0 COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	
Free Electives	6.0 Culture & Society Course	4.0		
Major Electives	7.0 Free Elective	4.0		
	Major Electives	4.0		
	14	16	0	0
Fourth Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits	
LAW 495	4.0 Culture & Society Course	3.0 Free Electives	12.0	
Free Electives	7.0 Free Electives	7.0 Major Elective	3.0	
Major Elective	4.0 Major Electives	6.0		
	15	16	15	
Total Credits 180				

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5-year, 3 co-op

First Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ENGL 101 or 111	3.0 COOP 101 *	1.0 ENGL 103 or 113	3.0 VACATION	
LAW 101	4.0 ENGL 102 or 112	3.0 LAW 201	4.0	
LAW 102	2.0 LAW 110	4.0 Free Electives	7.0	
PSCI 110	4.0 LAW 135	2.0		
UNIV L101	1.0 PHIL 105	3.0		
	Free Elective	3.0		
	14	16	14	0
Second Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
CIVC 101	1.0 CJS 101	3.0 COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	
COM 230	3.0 PSCI 220	4.0		
LAW 210	4.0 Major Elective	4.0		
Culture & Society Course	4.0 Quantitative Skills Course	4.0		
Free Elective	3.0			
	15	15	0	0
Third Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
LAW 301	4.0 ENGL Course (200+ Level)	3.0 COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	
Culture & Society Course	4.0 Free Elective	4.0		
Free Elective	3.0 Major Elective	4.0		
Scientific Literacy Course	4.0 Scientific Literacy Course	4.0		
	15	15	0	0
Fourth Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
UNIV L201	1.0 LAW 315	4.0 COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	
Culture & Society Course	3.0 Free Electives	7.0		

Free Elective	4.0 Major Elective	4.0		
Major Electives	6.0			
	14	15	0	0
Fifth Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits	
LAW 495	4.0 Free Electives	12.0 Free Electives	14.0	
Culture & Society Course	3.0 Major Elective	3.0 Major Elective	3.0	
Free Elective	4.0			
Major Elective	4.0			
	15	15	17	
Total Credits 180				

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Program Level Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to:

- Learn to communicate effectively both orally and in writing with diverse audiences in a variety of formal and informal legal settings.
- Develop analytical reasoning and critical thinking skills that pertain to the study of law, and legal and ethical issues.
- Learn to apply analytical, communication, and ethical reasoning skills in professional settings that involve law or legal issue.
- Gain a broad understanding of the substance, structure, and operation of the United States legal system, of different conceptions of justice, and of the legal system's relationship to social and economic institutions.
- Gain an understanding of the law's impact from multiple and diverse perspectives.

Minor in Law

About the Minor

The undergraduate minor in Law provides foundational knowledge of the American legal system and examines how law interacts with every aspect of society, including policy, technology, and multiple career fields. The choice of electives allows students the opportunity for a more in-depth exploration of how the law applies to their major area of interest or study.

Additional Information

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Program requirements

Required Courses

LAW 101	Law & Society	4.0
LAW 110	American Legal Systems	4.0

Electives *		16.0
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Select four undergraduate LAW courses; at least three must be 200-level or above

LAW 102	Law Lab
LAW 135	Foundations of Legal Research
LAW 201	The Role of the Common Law in the American Legal System
LAW 210	Public Law: Legislation and Regulation
LAW 211	Public Law II
LAW 215	Law & Religion in America Today
LAW 216	Regulating Families
LAW 217	Sex, Gender, Sexuality & the Law
LAW 301 [WI]	Legal Reasoning
LAW 304	Comparative Legal Institutions
LAW 305	Mediation, Arbitration, and the Law of Alternate Dispute Resolution
LAW 310	Environmental Law

LAW 312	Immigration Law
LAW 315	Power, Professionalism, & the Law
LAW 340	Regulating the Commons
LAW 495 [WI]	Capstone Seminar in Law
LAW T280	Special Topics in Law
LAW T380	Advanced Special Topics in Law

Total Credits**24.0**

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Students may substitute one Law elective with a non-Law course with advisor permission

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