

Code Concentration in Pre-Law

Under Review | Fall Medical 2023

Proposal Information

Workflow Status

In Progress

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College

University College

Department

University College Departments

Campus

Main Campus

Effective Term and Year

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall Medical 2023

Justification

Concentration Justification

We propose adding this concentration to our Liberal Arts degree to provide more marketable value for students who focus on courses in the area of law and may want to pursue further studies or work in the field.

Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

BA Lib Art

Program Information

Degree Name

BA Lib Art - Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Program Type

Undergraduate

Program Description

No Parent Selected

Degree Hours

120

Minimum Major Hours**Degree Requirements**

- Complete all of the following
 - Earn at least 54 credits from the following types of courses:
In addition to the program-specific requirements outlined here, all undergraduate students are required to fulfill UNM's General Education Program requirements. In some instances, courses included in an undergraduate degree program's requirement may also fulfill a General Education requirement. Please review the General Education Program in this Catalog for General Education information.
 - Earn at least 51 credits from the following types of courses:
earned in courses at the upper-division level (courses numbered 300–499). It should also be noted that transfer courses in which credit was earned at a lower-division designation cannot be transferred as upper-division to count towards the degree.
 - Earn at least 15 credits from the following types of courses:
ompletion of the departmental residency requirement of a minimum of 15 credit hours of academic work earned while enrolled in the B.A. in Liberal Arts program (not to include: credit by exam, transfer credit and/or concurrent enrollment, nonprofessional-physical education, music ensemble, or independent study/problems courses unless specifically approved by the Associate Dean). These must include the final 15 credit hours of enrollment prior to graduation from the program.

Grand Total Credits: 120

Concentration Information

Concentration Title

Concentration in Pre-Law

Program Level

Undergraduate

Concentration Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - The BA-LAIS concentration in Pre-Law provides the opportunity for students to develop a unique program of study combining courses from multiple University of New Mexico departments and/or colleges. This concentration is available to all students and does not necessarily lead to admission into a law program but is a good undergraduate option for students interested in legal careers and/or eventual graduate law school admission. No official minor is required to be declared with this concentration, but the use of existing departmental minor(s) outside LAIS is encouraged. Graduation Requirements Students must receive a grade of "C" or higher in all the following requirements:
 - Earn at least 12 credits from the following:
 - COMM1130 - Public Speaking (3)
 - COMM2120 - Interpersonal Communication (3)
 - CJ323 - Nonverbal Communication (3)
 - CJ327 - Persuasive Communication (3)
 - CJ332 - Business and Professional Speaking (3)
 - CJ333 - Professional Communication (3)
 - CJ334 - Political Communication (3)
 - CJ337 - Rhetorical Theory (3)
 - CJ344 - Interviewing (3)
 - Neither COMM 1130 or COMM 2120 are specifically required, but only one may be taken towards the concentration requirements, not both.
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - PHIL1120 - Logic, Reasoning, and Critical Thinking (3)
 - PHIL2140 - Professional Ethics (3)
 - Complete the following:
 - PHIL381 - Philosophy of Law and Morals (3)
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - ENGL2210 - Professional and Technical Communication (3)
 - ENGL2220 - Introduction to Professional Writing (3)
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - MATH1350 - Introduction to Statistics (3)
 - MATH1300 - Statistical Literacy (3)
 - Complete the following:
 - SOCI1110 - Introduction to Sociology (3)
 - SOCI312 - Causes of Crime and Delinquency (3)
 - SOCI416 - Sociology of Law (3)
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - SOCI2120 - Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (3)
 - SOCI2210 - Sociology of Deviance (3)
 - Complete the following:
 - POLS1120 - American National Government (3)
 - POLS315 - Constitutional Law: Powers (3)
 - POLS316 - Constitutional Law: Liberties (3)
 - POLS317 - Constitutional Law: Rights (3)
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - CELR350 - Community-Engaged Research I: Design (3)
 - CJ301 - Communication Research Methods (3)

- CRP413 - Qualitative Research Methods (3)
- NATV2140 - Research Issues In Native America (3)
- NUTR301 - Nutrition Research and Writing (3)
- PSYC302 - Psychological Research Techniques (3)
- PH310 - Population Health Research Methods (3)
- POLS327 - Qualitative Research Methods (3)
- SOCI380 - Introduction to Research Methods (3)
- Note, most of the courses above have prerequisite requirements that must be completed first.
- Completion of 2 of the following 4 options
- 12 hours from any of the following subjects: • Community and Regional Planning (CRP) • Community Engaged Learning and Research (CELR) • Computer Science (CS) • Economics (ECON) • Environmental Science (ENVS) • Family and Child Studies (FCS) • Geography (GEOG) • History (HIST) • Management (MGMT) • Psychology (PSY) • Public Health (PH)
- 12 hours from any cultural studies course from the following subjects: • Africana Studies (AFST) • American Studies (AMST) • Chicana and Chicano Studies (CCS) • International Studies (INTS) • Language, Literacy and Sociocultural Studies (LLSS) • Latin American Studies (LTAM) • Medieval Studies (MDVL) • Museum Studies (MSST) • Native American Studies (NATV) • Peace Studies (PCST) • Religious Studies (RELG) • Sustainability Studies (SUST) • Women Studies (WMST)
- 12 hours from any Military Studies department (excluding labs and physical training): • Aerospace Studies (AFAS) • Military Science and Leadership (MLSL) • Naval Science (NVSC)
- Completion or testing equivalent of second-semester intermediate non-English language course from: • Arabic (ARBC) • Chinese (CHIN) • French (FREN) • Greek (GREK) • German (GRMN) • Italian (ITAL) • Japanese (JAPN) • Latin (LATN) • Navajo (NVJO) • Portuguese (PORT) • Russian (RUSS) • Signed Language Interpreting (SIGN) • Spanish (SPAN) • Swahili (SWAH)

Grand Total Credits: 51

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