LEGAL STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description
The Legal Studies certificate is intended for students who want to learn about some of the cases and legal processes they will study in law school. It is also intended for students who might wish to work as legal assistants or paralegals and wish to get some background in law and legal processes without attending law school. The certificate requires that students take three political science courses (nine credits) about law or the legal process and two more political science courses (six credits) in which court cases or legal processes are a significant component of course materials. Students can also take 12 credits from the law or legal process courses and 3 credits from the court cases or legal processes courses.

What is Legal Studies?
Legal studies is an examination of the institutions and practices of our legal system. Penn State Behrend’s certificate in Legal Studies is intended for the undergraduate student who plans to pursue a post-baccalaureate law degree or work in a law-related career field.

You Might Like This Program If...
• You are fascinated by the American judicial system.
• You envision a career as a lawyer, legal assistant, or law enforcement professional.
• You are exploring law as a possible career and want to determine if it’s a good fit for you.