

LEGAL STUDIES & PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATE



Program Overview

This 15 credit certificate provides an introduction to legal processes, domains, and procedures for professionals in health care, education, human services, administration, and others wanting exposure to elements of law but not wanting a para-legal certificate or law degree. The program provides familiarity with legal concepts and research as well as in-depth study in topical areas of law.

Curriculum Requirements		15 credits
Introductory Requirements		3 cr
LS 670	Introduction to Law & Legal Principles	3 cr
Core Requirements		9-10 cr
ED 619	Cultural & Legal Foundations of Education	cr
POLS 540	Constitutional Law I	cr
POLS 541	Constitutional Law II	cr
POLS 545	The Judicial Process	cr
PE 670	Sports and the Law	cr
MBA 504	Business Law	cr
PSY 565	Psychology and Law	cr
COMM 521	Communication Law	cr
COMM 501	Defamation and Privacy in the Media	cr
COMM 502	Communication Law and the Internet	cr
SOC 545	Law Enforcement	cr
SOC 550	Penology	cr

Other topics courses as approved (e.g., Environmental Law, International Law, Negotiation & Conflict Resolution)	
Elective Options	2-3 cr
Electives may be chosen from the list above or from approved Law School courses. Enrollment in Law School courses from the require prior completion of LS 670.	
Fall 2008 Course Offerings that fulfill LSP Certificate requirements	
SOC 591	Issues: Crime & Inequality
COMM 590	Negotiation & Conflict Resolution
POLS 540	Constitutional Law I
POLS 580	Problems in International Relations: International
PSY 565	Psychology and the Law
SOC 545	Sociology of Law
COMM 521	Communication Law
COMM 502	Communication Law and the Internet
LS/ICP/PSY/SA 670	Introduction to Law and Legal Principles
LAW 485	Family Law
LAW 406	Children & the Law

Students currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at Valparaiso University may apply up to 6 credits of the above coursework toward the LSP certificate. Transfer credits may not be applied to this certificate.

Criteria for Admission Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School, which include:

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited university;
- An overall grade point average of at least a 3.00;

VU graduate students in good standing and alumni of any graduate degree program at VU are eligible for admission to the LLP program by submitting:

- [Valparaiso University Graduate Application](#);
- A one page statement describing how the program will help meet their professional goals.
- Application Fee: \$30 for U.S. citizens.

All other applicants must submit:

- [Valparaiso University Graduate Application](#);
- Official transcripts of all prior undergraduate and graduate coursework. If you have received an undergraduate or graduate degree from Valparaiso University, you are not required to submit an official transcript from Valparaiso University;

- A letter of reference;
- A one page statement describing how the program will help meet their professional goals.
- Application Fee: \$30 for U.S. citizens.

Tuition Tuition for the LSP graduate certificate is approximately \$7,950. Students currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at VU may apply up to 6 credits of the above course work toward the LSP certificate. Transfer credits may not be applied to this certificate.

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