

Accelerated Bachelor's-to-Master's Programs

B.A. in Jurisprudence to M.S. in Legal Studies

Program Description

The accelerated B.A.-to-M.S. Legal Studies program enables qualified undergraduates to take graduate courses that apply to both their bachelor's and master's degrees. Students gain an advanced understanding of the law and legal principles as they fulfill bachelor's degree requirements and complete select core courses from the graduate-level Legal Studies program. These graduate-level courses lay the foundation for the student to ultimately examine practical legal and policy issues through the lens of a particular concentration in law and public policy, criminal justice or homeland security.

Program Coordinator

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Delivery Mode

Global Online (100% online)

Curriculum

The following curriculum shows the requirements for completing the bachelor's degree under the accelerated B.A.-to-M.S. program. Additional graduate-level courses are required to complete the master's degree; refer to the graduate academic catalog for these requirements.

Course	Credits
General Education Courses	40-41
Free Electives	25-26
Required Major Courses	9
JUR 300 Classical Jurisprudence	3
JUR 310 Medieval Jurisprudence	3
JUR 320 Anglo-American Jurisprudence	3
Required Related Courses	33
LAW 300 The Paralegal Profession	3
LAW 310 Legal Research and Writing	3
LAW 320 Litigation and Trial Evidence	3
LAW 330 Criminal Law for Paralegals	3
LAW 340 Family Law	3
LAW 350 Real Estate Law	3
LAW 360 Law, Business and the Workplace	3
LAW 370 Administrative Law	3
LAW 380 Estates and Trusts	3
LAW 400 Constitutional Law for Paralegals	3

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Course	Credits
LAW 410 Law and Ethics	3
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LAW 600 Law and Public Policy	3
LAW 601 Law and Ethics	3
LAW 602 Law, Civil Liberties and the Constitution	3
LAW 603 Law and Legal Methods	3
Total	120

Recommended Free Electives

LAW electives are recommended below.

- LAW 390 Bankruptcy
- LAW 420 Law and Conflict Resolution
- LAW 430 Elder Law
- LAW 440 Immigration Law
- LAW 450 Labor and Employment Law
- LAW 460 School Law

Program Notes

Upon satisfaction of the following criteria, students enrolled in the B.A. in Jurisprudence: Legal Studies concentration are eligible to take four 3-credit graduate courses (12 credit hours total) during their undergraduate studies and apply those 12 credits to the M.S. in Legal Studies degree, regardless of the degree concentration:

- The undergraduate adviser and the graduate adviser must jointly approve the student's request to enroll in the accelerated degree plan.
- Undergraduate students must have a minimum of junior standing and a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Applicable graduate-level courses are limited to LAW 600, LAW 601, LAW 602 and LAW 603.
- Graduate-level courses will satisfy undergraduate elective credits only and will not satisfy any undergraduate core courses.
- In addition to the graduate courses defined above, students must take 18 more credits in the master's program to be eligible for the M.S. degree. Consult your adviser about these 18 credits.

Additional Requirements

Undergraduate students in the accelerated program may register for no more than 6 graduate credits in any one term, and in terms when a graduate course is registered, the student may not register for more than 18 total credits.

It is the student's responsibility to apply and meet the qualifications of the graduate program portion of the accelerated program. Failure to follow through with enrollment in the accelerated graduate program will result in additional undergraduate credits to complete the bachelor's degree, as outlined in the Undergraduate Credit for Graduate Courses policy.

Additional accelerated program requirements may be found at: https://www.calu.edu/inside/forms/_files/academic-affairs/accelerated-program-application.pdf

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Program Webpages

- **Undergraduate:** <https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/bachelors/jurisprudence/legal-studies/index.aspx>
- **Graduate:** <https://www.calu.edu/academics/graduate/masters/legal-studies/index.aspx>