

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM

Date: November 6, 2023

Submitted by: Amy Memmer x1478

SUBJECT: New Program: Associate of Applied Science/Legal Studies

Description: Proposal for Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Legal Studies

Rationale: In order to be competitive in the market, Washburn University recently approved the offering of AAS degrees. We currently offer an AA degree in Legal Studies. The recent KBOR changes to the general education framework have caused a significant increase in general education hours required for the AA degree and have forced us to cut the number of field-specific and technical courses we are able to require for the AA degree. For this reason, we would like to add the ability for students to choose to seek an AAS degree allowing them to meet the degree requirements while also receiving the field-specific knowledge and skills they need to be successful.

Program Demand

This program would allow us to be competitive with other institutions who are already offering AAS degrees for their students.

Financial Implications: *Costs involved (none, new faculty, adjunct replacement, additional operating costs, etc)*

No additional costs are anticipated.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2024

Request for Action: *Approval by Faculty Senate*

Approved by: *AAC on 10/30/2023*

Faculty Senate -

Attachments **Yes X** No

Program Change Request

New Program Proposal

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Viewing: : **Legal Studies AAS**

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Changes proposed by: Amy Memmer (amy.memmer)

General Information

Effective Catalog Edition	2024-2025
Department	Criminal Justice/Legal Studies
College	School of Applied Studies
Degree Level	Undergraduate
Program Title	Legal Studies AAS
Degree to be Offered	Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
Is this program offered completely online?	No
Does this program lead to a teaching certification?	No
Program Code	
Is this program an interdisciplinary program?	No
CIP Code	220203 - American/U.S. Law/Legal Studies/Jurisprudence.
Modality	Hybrid

New Program Header

Statement of Justification/Rationale for Offering the Program

In order to be competitive in the market, Washburn University recently approved the offering of AAS degrees. We currently offer a AA degree in Legal Studies. The recent KBOR changes to the general education framework have caused a significant increase in general education courses required for the AA degree, and have forced us to cut the number of field-specific and technical courses we are able to require for this degree, in order to remain competitive in the overall number of hours required for the AA degree. For that reason, we would like to add an option for students to be able to choose to seek an AAS degree that allows them to meet the degree requirements while also receiving the field-specific knowledge and skills they would need to be successful in the field.

Program Demand This program would allow us to be competitive with other institutions who are already offering AAS degrees for their students.

Projected Enrollment for the Initial Three Years of the Program

Implementation

Year 2

In Workflow

1. Acad Ops
2. CJLS Chair
3. Library
4. SAS Curr Policy Chair
5. SAS Dean
6. SAS Fac Council Chair
7. Governance Check
8. AA Committee
9. Faculty Senate
10. General Faculty
11. WUBOR
12. Final Acad Ops
13. Registrar

Approval Path

1. 10/06/23 11:52 am
Beth O'Neill
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Approved for Acad Ops
2. 10/06/23 1:07 pm
Amy Memmer
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Approved for CJLS Chair
3. 10/06/23 7:58 pm
Sean Bird
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Approved for Library
4. 10/12/23 2:52 pm
Michelle Shipley
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Approved for SAS Curr Policy Chair
5. 10/12/23 4:51 pm
Zach Frank
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Approved for SAS Dean
6. 10/20/23 12:33 pm
Michelle Shipley
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Approved for SAS Fac Council Chair
7. 10/20/23 3:27 pm
Holly Broxterman
(holly.broxterman):
Approved for Governance Check
8. 10/31/23 11:04 am
Holly Broxterman
(holly.broxterman):
Approved for AA Committee

Full-Time Headcount Per Year	14	Part-Time Headcount Per Year	2
Full-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year	420	Part-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year	60

Year 3

Full-Time Headcount Per Year	20	Part-Time Headcount Per Year	3
Full-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year	600	Part-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year	90

Employment

Employment Opportunity Information

Admission and Curriculum

Admission Criteria

Total Number of Semester Credit Hours for the Degree Curriculum 60

Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements stated below, students must complete 15 hours of General Education, all requirements for a Associate of Applied Science degree, and any additional hours needed to reach the minimum 60 credit hours required for graduation. Some of the courses below may also fulfill general education or other degree requirements. Please see your advisor for more information.

Required Courses Inside Department ¹

LG 101	Introduction to Legal Practice	3
LG 200	Introduction to Law	3
LG 240	Constitutional Law	3
LG 250	Legal Research I	3
LG 300	Legal Writing	3
LG 305	Litigation I	3
LG 310	Interviewing & Investigation	3
Select 6 courses (18 hours) from the following:		18
LG 205	Corporate Law	
LG 210	Family Law	
LG 215	Property Law	
LG 220	Wills & Estate Administration	
LG 315	Legal Research II	
LG 320	Elder Law	
LG 325	Personal Injury Law	
LG 330	Administrative Law for Paralegals	
LG 340	Law and the Cinema	
LG 342	Capital Punishment in America	
LG 345	Criminal Law	

LG 350	Professional Ethics	
LG 355	Introduction to Contracts	
LG 390	Special Topics/Legal Asst	
LG 405	Litigation II	
LG 410	Bankruptcy & Collections	
LG 450	Internship	
Select 2 courses (6 hours) from the following:		6
CJ 303	Diversity in American Culture	
CJ 318	Juvenile Justice	
CJ 352	Firearms Decision Making	
CJ 410	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	
Subtotal		45
Required Courses Outside Department		
WU 101	The Washburn Experience	3
Subtotal		3
Total Hours		48

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Students majoring in Legal Studies must earn a grade of "C" or better in all required legal studies/criminal justice courses for credit.

Pathway

Core Faculty

Faculty Workload Analysis

Faculty Workload Analysis (describe how the course offering schedule and anticipated enrollments correlate to faculty lines)

Supplemental Files

Reviewer **Beth O'Neill (beth.oneill) (10/12/23 9:27 am)**: Made changes to the way general education courses are displayed

Comments **Holly Broxterman (holly.broxterman) (10/31/23 8:35 am)**: Approved by Academic Affairs Committee at their 10/30/23 meeting. Approving to move to Faculty Senate for their 11/6/23 meeting.