

Academic Year 2023-24

# GUIDE TO GRADUATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS: Legal Studies



UNIVERSITY OF  
**BALTIMORE**

Yale Gordon College of  
Arts and Sciences

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The **Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences** is committed to providing the guidance and support you need to complete your program in a timely manner. This Guide to Graduation provides the in-depth information necessary to assist you in planning your undergraduate academic career. It contains contact information, important resources, a program checklist and a suggested four-year plan of study.

While this information will be helpful to you, you should also contact your academic adviser. Your adviser is there to assist you in planning your program plan of study and to answer your questions. All new students are required to meet with an adviser prior to registering for their first semester to receive a personalized program checklist.

The University of Baltimore recognizes that consistent and timely academic advising is strongly related to student success. To enhance the services we provide to our students and to increase the likeliness for success and on-time degree completion, UBalt implemented mandatory milestone advising for all new undergraduate students beginning in fall 2017.

Milestone advising will be anchored by three specific touch points and aligned with the personal, professional and academic goals of students at those points.

**45 Credits:** Advisers will work with students to further explore the declared major and connect students with support services, clubs and other campus groups to enhance the opportunity to be involved in the UBalt community.

**60 Credits:** Advisers will work with students to prepare for internships, Global Field Studies and other experiential learning opportunities. Students will also be re-introduced to the support services offered by the Career and Internship Center.

**90 Credits:** Advisers will focus on the final steps to graduation and the options for post-bachelor's degree completion. Students will learn more about the graduate degree programs at UBalt that fit with their goals.

Students must meet with their advisers to discuss their next steps for registration, course scheduling and other key academic topics before they register for classes. Advisers will release the milestone advising service indicator on students' accounts at the conclusion of the advising meetings.

Your academic adviser will assist you throughout your time at UBalt at any credit point; however, it is ultimately your responsibility to complete the degree requirements and acquaint yourself with the University's academic policies.

## CONTACT INFO:

**Yale Gordon College of Arts and  
Sciences Dean's Office**  
Academic Center, Room 249  
410.837.5351

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## RESOURCES:

**Office of Records and Registration**  
[ubalt.edu/records](http://ubalt.edu/records)

**Office of Financial Aid**  
[ubalt.edu/financialaid](http://ubalt.edu/financialaid)

**Office of the Bursar**  
[ubalt.edu/bursar](http://ubalt.edu/bursar)

**Academic Success**  
[ubalt.edu/success](http://ubalt.edu/success)

**Career and Internship Center**  
[ubalt.edu/careercenter](http://ubalt.edu/careercenter)

**Call to schedule your advising  
appointment today.**

# B.A. IN LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM CHECKLIST

120 credits required to graduate; note the grades required for each type of requirement below

## General Education Requirements – 38 credits

- Students entering in fall 2016 and later
- Complete with a grade of C- or higher except where noted.
- Upper-division courses are 300 or 400 level.
- [See course lists for each area.](#)

### Arts and Humanities Area (AH, AHE) – 6 credits

Complete one course from two separate AH disciplines.

	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
AH1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
AH2:	_____	_____	_____	_____

### Upper Division Ethics Area (UETH) – 3 credits

Complete one course.

	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
*UETH:	_____	_____	_____	_____

*\*(upper division, C or better)*

### > Social and Behavioral Sciences Area (SBS) – 6 credits

Complete one course from two separate SBS disciplines.

	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
SBS1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
SBS2:	_____	_____	_____	_____

### > Biological and Physical Sciences Area (BPS, BPSL) – 7 credits

Complete two courses, one of which must be a laboratory course.

	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
BPS:	_____	_____	_____	_____
BPSL:	_____	_____	_____	_____

### > Mathematics Area (MA) – 3 credits

Complete one course. Check your major requirements for recommendation. Note: placement required prior to registration

- Complete Math Placement: RSVP at [ubalt.edu/placement](http://ubalt.edu/placement)

Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
MA: _____	_____	_____	_____

### > English Composition Area (COMP, UCOMP) – 6 credits

Complete two composition courses, one of which must be upper division. Note: placement required prior to registration

Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
COMP: _____	_____	_____	_____
UCOMP: _____ <i>upper division, C or better</i>	_____	_____	_____

### > General Education Electives (ELECGE) – 7+ credits

Complete as many general education courses as needed to reach 38-credit requirement.

Course Title	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
ELECGE: _____	_____	_____	_____
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ELECGE: _____	_____	_____	_____

Students with an A.A. or A.S. degree from a Maryland public institution complete only the AHE and UCOMP requirements.

## University of Baltimore Graduation Requirements

- Students entering in fall 2017 and later
- For General Education GR courses, earn a grade of C- or higher.
- For GR courses within your academic program, follow the grade requirements of the program.
- Consult with your academic adviser on the best course selections for your program.
- [See lists of approved courses.](#)

Information Literacy (IL)	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
Technological Fluency (TF)	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
Oral Communication (OC)	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
Global Awareness and Diverse Perspectives (GD)	Term	Grade	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____

## Capstone Experience

Term

Grade

Credit Hours

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**B.A. in Legal Studies Requirements – 33 credits**

- Students entering in fall 2020 and later

- Complete with a grade of C or higher except where noted

**> Program Core Courses – 18 credits**

Course Title

Term

Grade

Credit Hours

- HIST 340: American Legal History or HIST 325 Prisons and Police in U.S. History
- LEST 401: Legal Foundations
- LEST 402: Legal Research and Analysis
- LEST 403: The Trial Process
- LEST 496: Internship
- LEST 498: Capstone Project

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**> Major Electives – 15 credits**

*Note: Students can request to take a second LEST 400 course or second JPLA 496 internship in place of any of these electives.*

- Choose three courses:

- CMAT 320: Argumentation, Debate, and Society
- HIST 330 Immigration and Law in U.S. History
- HIST 364: Civil Rights in US History
- HIST 434: Constitutional History
- HIST 438: Great Trials in History
- HIST 440: History of Common Law
- LEST 400: Topics in Legal Studies
- PHIL 250: Social and Political Philosophy

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## 4-Year Plan for Incoming Freshmen: Legal Studies, B.A.

Below is an example plan of study for the Philosophy, Law and Ethics program. This is meant to act as a guide, but need not be followed in the same order for every student. Part-time students and those students transferring in credits from another university or college will need to adjust their plan accordingly. This plan does not account for courses taken during summer sessions. Students should consult with their adviser each semester prior to registration.

### Year 1

1st Semester		2nd Semester	
Learning Community (Arts and Humanities)	3	Arts and Humanities 2	3
Learning Community (Social and Behavioral)	3	Social and Behavioral 2	3
IDIS 101 First-Year Seminar) (GE Elective)	3	CMAT 201 Communications (GR)	3
Learning Community Course (Comm GR and GE/WRIT101 GE)	3	General Elective	3
Credit Math or Developmental Math	0-3	Math 111, Math 113 or Math 115 or General Elective	3
	<u>12-15</u>		<u>15</u>

### Year 2

3rd Semester		4th Semester	
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
Science with Lab (GE)	4	WRIT 200 or WRIT 300 (GE)	3
Technological Fluency (GR)	3	Non-Lab Science (GE)	3
General Elective (if math completed)	3	Global Awareness and Diverse Perspectives Course (GR) 1	3
	<u>16</u>		<u>15</u>

### Summer/Winter

General Elective (if MATH 100 is taken)	3
	<u>3</u>

### Year 3

5th Semester		6th Semester	
HIST 340: American Legal History	3	LEST 402: Legal Research and Analysis (GR)	3
LEST 401: Legal Foundations	3	LEST 403: The Trial Process (GR)	3
IDIS 302 or PHIL 301 (Upper-Level GE)	3	Approved Major Elective	3
Approved Major Elective	3	Approved Major Elective	3
General Elective or WRIT 300 (if WRIT 200 is taken)	3	General Elective	3
	<u>15</u>		<u>15</u>

### Year 4

7th Semester		8th Semester	
LEST 496: Internship	3	LEST 498: Capstone Project (GR)	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
Approved Major Elective	3	General Elective	3
Approved Major Elective	3	General Elective	3
	<u>15</u>		<u>15</u>

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**Total**  
**121**

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