About the Minor:
The Legal Studies Minor provides students with an interdisciplinary curriculum that engages them in critical analysis of the connections between legal issues and social justice, both from a contemporary and historical perspective. Students enrolled in the Legal Studies Minor can take courses on law and society, constitutional law and civil liberties, courts and society, civil rights, law and economics, environmental law, drugs and society, media law and ethics, professional and business ethics, philosophy of law, American legal history, and other related subjects.

Courses Needed to Obtain Minor in Legal Studies
Required Upper Division Course (3 units)
- POLS 120

A) Perspectives in Law (3 units)
- ECON 141, ENVS/POLS 124 or PHIL 155

B) Contemporary Issues in Law and Justice (3 units)
- AFAM 142, JS 101, JS 122, JS 132(s), JS 123, MAS 127 Or JS 151

C) Legal History (3 units)
- AFAM 134, HIST 171, MDES 108, POLS 121A, or POLS 121B

D) Law and Ethics (3 units)
- MCOM 101, COMM 133F, or BUS 186

E) Law and Courts (3 units)
- JS 103, POLS 122, or COMM 147P

Steps to Complete the Minor
1. Declare the Minor: Submit “Request for Addition/Change of Major/Minor” form (on SJSU Registrar’s website) with any required documents to a department advisor.
2. Take the Classes: Choose courses as specified by the “Forensic Studies Minor Form” (on Dept. website) and log course completions on form.
3. Apply for Graduation: When applying for graduation, submit a completed “Forensic Studies Minor Form” to a department advisor.

Legal Studies Program:
In order to graduate with a Legal Studies Minor, students are required to complete 18 units, comprised of one required course and five elective courses selected from five disciplinary areas: Perspectives in Law; Contemporary Issues in Law and Justice; Legal History; Law and Ethics; Law and Courts. In order to ensure a broad and interdisciplinary education, students must take one course from a separate department for each of the five areas.

Examples of Careers in This Field:
The Legal Studies Minor exposes students to interdisciplinary perspectives on major social issues. The minor’s broad curriculum allows students to familiarize with the fields of law, social justice, international relations, public policy, environmental justice, and mass communications. Graduates with a minor in Legal Studies can explore a wide range of justice related careers, and are also well prepared to pursue postgraduate education in justice studies research, law, and public policy studies. Careers in the field include professional positions within the criminal justice system, NGOs, public institutions, and other justice related organizations.
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About the Department
Justice Studies is an interdisciplinary area of inquiry that focuses on interrelated criminal and social justice concepts from the lens of humanities, law, and behavioral, social, and natural sciences.

The Department offers 2 MS degree programs, 2 “justice studies” majors, 2 “forensic science” majors, 4 minors, and 1 certificate program.

The Department of Justice Studies at San José State University organizes its curricula around 5 academic pillars:

• Criminal Justice Studies
• Criminology
• Forensic Science
• Legal Studies
• Human Rights

Our Mission
The Department of Justice Studies embraces an interdisciplinary approach to engage students in critical analysis of justice systems in practice, policy, and research. We equip students to be leaders, professionals, and agents of change in justice-related institutions and in diverse local and global communities.

Our Values
Our foremost desire is to foster just societies. We value intellectual curiosity, lifelong learning, honesty, fairness, and ethical consideration of our actions. We embrace diversity, inclusion, civility, and sustainable practices as foundations for strong communities. We commit ourselves to promoting global understanding and respect for cultural differences. We honor our relationships with students, colleagues, alumni, and community partners who work with us to achieve our mission.

Affiliated Student Organizations
• Alpha Phi Sigma Iota, Chapter
• Chi Pi Sigma Fraternity
• Justice Studies Task Force
• Forensic Science Students Club (FSS)

Courses in GE or SJSU Studies
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• Area D3: JS 25
• Area S: JS 132, JS 136
• Area V: JS 171
• Area Z: JS 100W

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SJSU Web Links
Minor Website: http://www.sjsu.edu/justicestudies/degrees/minors/ls-minor/
SJSU Catalog: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html
Schedule of Classes: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/schedules.html
Counseling and Psychological Services: http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling/
Accessible Education Center: http://www.sjsu.edu/aec/
Aid and Scholarship: : http://www.sjsu.edu/faso
Writing Skills Test: https://testing.sjsu.edu/
Housing: http://housing.sjsu.edu/
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