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#### Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the School of Law for a new minor in Law, Jurisprudence, and the State will be an agenda item for the October 9, 2020, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

#### PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

School/College: School of Law

**Department/Division:** School of Law

Proposed Program: Minor in Law, Jurisprudence, and the State

**Proposed Starting Date for Program:** Fall 2021

**Program Description** – The minor in Law, Jurisprudence, and the State aims to provide University of Georgia students with an understanding of the law as both a professional instrument and as a social, economic, political, and cultural institution. It will prepare students to be leaders in their communities by providing them an enhanced understanding of the connections between law, society, citizenship, and democracy and by sharpening their critical thinking. It will help prepare students for a J.D. degree, as well as provide a competitive advantage for students seeking jobs where understanding the operation and effects of the legal system is important, but a J.D. is not required.

Students in the Law, Jurisprudence, and the State minor will take two required courses taught by law school faculty, then three electives taught by faculty at the law school and other units across the University. The two required courses will introduce students to the basics of legal reasoning and the law's ever-changing relationship to the exercise of state authority, to justice, to democracy, and to social, economic, and cultural institutions. Students will then take one elective class from each of three categories: "Law as Professional Practice," "Law in Society, Politics, and Culture," and "Law in other Times and Places." Together these courses allow students to develop basic professional legal competencies in a particular subject matter, understand law's importance in government and society, and appreciate the possibilities for change in fundamental legal and government institutions.

#### Required Courses (6 hours):

**JURI 3233 or JURI 3233E, Foundations of American Law (3 hours):** An introduction to legal reasoning, fundamental law and policy argumentative tools, the various types of legal institutions, the administrative state, and the interpretation of statutes and the Constitution. Foundational study will lead to legally sophisticated analyses and discussions concerning recently argued or decided Supreme Court cases.

#### JURI XXXX, Law, Justice, and the State (3 hours): Proposed New Course

JURI XXXX is a survey of how law, legal institutions, and their relationship to culture, society, and politics can be examined and understood. It will introduce students to the way lawyers, historians, philosophers, political scientists, sociologists, and others evaluate the relationship between the law and legal institutions, justice, the state, and democracy, then help them understand how those relationships have shaped, and been shaped by, social, cultural, economic, and political ideas and institutions.

### Elective Courses (at least 9 hours):

# At least three of the following courses, including at least 3 hours from each category, for total of at least 9 hours:

Elective Category 1: Law as Professional Practice				
AAEC 4050/6050, Agribusiness Law	JURI 2600, Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship			
ENVM(AAEC) 4930/6930, Environmental Law and	JURI 3200S, Law and Social Justice: Strategic Advocacy			
Governmental Regulation	JURI 3500, Undergraduate Mock Trial JURI 3840E,			
COMM 4330, Communication Strategies in the	Capital Punishment			
Courtroom	JURI 3980, Constitutional Rights in Education: Equality,			
EDAP 4170/6170, Education Law and Professional Ethics	Speech, and Religion			
ENVM 4250/6250, Environmental and Public Health Law	LEGL 4200, Intellectual Property Law			
ENVM 4770H, The Business of Environmental Law	LEGL 4300/6300, Law of Business Organizations			
FANR 4800, Renewable Resource Policy	LEGL 4400/6400, Business Law			
FANR(ECOL) 4810/6810, Natural Resources Law	LEGL 4500/6500, Employment Law			
HIPR 4200/6200, Preservation Law	LEGL 4600/6600, Negotiation and Alternative Dispute			
HFIM 3180, Hospitality and Food Industry Law and	Resolution Systems			
Liability	LEGL 4700/6700, FinTech and Financial Services Law			
HPAM 4150, Health Policy Law and Ethics	LEGL(REAL) 5200, Real Estate Law			
JRLC 5040/7040, Law of Mass Communications	POLS 4700, Constitutional Law: Powers			
JURI 2080 Life Cycle of a Corporation	POLS 4710, Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties			
JURI 2120 Covering the Courts	POLS 4720, Criminal Procedure*			
JURI 2216S, Business Law Practicum	POLS 4730, Criminal Law			
JURI 2300, Constitutional Criminal Procedure*				
JURI 2350E, Learning from Wrongful Convictions	*Students may take one, but not both, of JURI 2300 and			
JURI 2500, Exploring the Intersection of Law and	POLS 4720.			
Connective Technology in the Information Age				
Elective Category 2: Law in Society, Politics, and Culture				
CMLT (AFAM)(AFST)(LACSI)(GEOG) 4260 Black and	POLS 3600, Criminal Justice Administration			
Green Atlantic†	POLS 4080, Legal Theory POLS 4740, Judicial Process and			
CMLT 4680/6680, Law and Culture East Asia†	Behavior			
ECON 4450/6450, Economic Analysis of Law	POLS 4750, Gender, Law, and Politics			
ENGL 3330, Literature and Human Rights	POLS 4760, Supreme Court Politics: The Institution and			
ENGL 3880S, The Modern Civil Rights Movement in	Its Justices			
Literature and Culture	POLS 4770, The Supreme Court: Cases and Controversies			
ENGL 3851S, Writing for Social Justice: the Prison	POLS 4780, Special Topics in Law and Judicial Process			
Writing Project	POLS 4900, Law Enforcement Administration			
GEOG 3640, Geography of Human Rights	SOCI 3150, Criminal Punishment and Society			
GRMN 3720, Authorities and Law in Modern German	SOCI 4830, Sociology of Law			
Society and Culture†				
JURI 4199/6199, Modern American Legal Theory	†Students may take CMLT 4260, CMLT 4680, or GRMN			
PADP 4690, Bureaucracy and the Law	3720 to fulfill the requirements of Elective Category 2, or			
PHIL 4240/6240, Philosophy of Law	Elective Category 3, but not both.			
Elective Category 3: Law in Other Times and Places				
CMLT (AFAM)(AFST)(LACSI)(GEOG) 4260 Black and	JURI 2100, The Constitution and Political Parties			
Green Atlantic†	JURI 2105, Modern Constitutional History			
CMLT 4680/6680, Law and Culture East Asia†	JURI 2400, Introduction to Global Governance			

GRMN 3720, Authorities and Law in Modern German	JURI 3210, Lawyers, Kings, Despots, and Revolutionaries:		
Society and Culture†	How Lawyers Create and Destroy Political		
HIST 3775, Crime, Punishment, Human Rights	Freedom		
HIST 4060/6060, American Legal History	JURI 3830, Law and Institutions of the European Union*		
HIST 4120/6120, Civil Rights Movement	POLS 4781, Criminal Justice System in the United States		
HIST 4320/6320, Law and Society in the Greco-Roman	and Britain		
World			
INTL 4210, International Law	*Students may take one, but not both, of JURI 3830 and		
INTL 4240, International Organizations	INTL 4640.		
INTL 4620, Human Rights	†Students may take CMLT 4260, CMLT 4680, or GRMN		
INTL 4640, European Union*	3720 to fulfill the requirements of Elective Category 3, or		
INTL 4644, Human Rights in the European Union	Elective Category 2, but not both.		

#### **Entrance Requirements:**

#### 1. Justification: what is the academic justification for instituting the requirements?

Students should have a basic understanding of American constitutional government to be successful in higher-level courses. The UGA general education constitutional requirement provides just that guarantee. Demonstrated interest and a diversity of perspectives will enhance class discussion. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2, 30 total credit hours, and 15 institutional credit hours are also required.

#### 2. Requirement: what specific entrance requirements are proposed?

Fulfillment of the UGA general education US Constitution requirement: currently satisfied by POLS 1101, POLS 1101E, POLS 1101S, POLS1101H, POLS 1105H, POLS 4700, POLS 4710, HIST 2111, HIST 2111E, HIST 2111H, HIST 2112, HIST 2112E, and HIST 2112H.

Minimum Cumulative GPA (institutional GPA) of 3.2

Minimum 15 UGA (institutional) credit hours (grades posted)

# 3. Results: How will the proposed requirement solve the academic problems outlined in one? Students will have a basic understanding of American constitutional government and a demonstrated interest in law and legal institutions.

#### 4. Consequences of the requirement:

#### a. How will this requirement affect the program involved?

The requirement will allow students a better experience in the program.

#### b. What effects are anticipated on other programs within the University?

The minor will allow students with a broad array of interests to develop an understanding of the operation and importance of the law. By keeping the number of required hours at 15 and including a wide range of classes that will qualify as electives for the program, this minor will work effectively with students pursuing other courses of study. As a result, negligible effects are anticipated on other programs at the University.

#### 5. Are there any other anticipated effects on enrollment patterns within the University?

Students will have a new way to use elective credit.

#### **High-Demand Selection Criteria:**

# 1. Anticipated number of applicants: If the capacity of the program is smaller than the number of applications, this program may be designated as high-demand.

#### a. The capacity of the program for both this year and the next academic year.

There is currently capacity for up to 80 students for academic year 2021–2022. The same capacity is expected for the following year, though it could grow to 160 or more if there is substantial demand.

#### b. The anticipated number of applications

Between 40 and 120 applicants are expected in the first academic year of the program, which is consistent with the experience of peer institutions that have similar programs, and the demonstrated interest in legal topics of our student body. It is difficult to predict interest in later years, but growth is expected.

#### 2. High Demand Programs

#### a. What is the academic justification for restricting the program?

There are approximately 1800 pre-law students at the University of Georgia and many of them may be interested in pursuing this minor. The program may also attract students interested in law but not interested in pursuing law school. If students were admitted to the minor after simply meeting the minimal entrance requirements, the number of students entering the program could exceed our ability to develop the needed capacity in the short term, particularly in the required classes.

#### b. Attach any responses from other schools and colleges

We have consulted with all of the programs whose classes will fulfill the requirements of this minor. Documentation of those consultations is attached.

# c. Provide criteria used to determine which of the applicants meeting the high-demand selection criteria will be admitted to the program

- Grade in the class used to satisfy the UGA general education US Constitution requirement, if available.
- Personal Statement

Grades will help ensure students are prepared to address challenging material and participate in class discussions. The personal statement and the major of the students will help ensure a diversity of perspectives which will enhance class discussion.

### d. Provide a contact person for information concerning the criteria and any application deadlines

The person to contact for information on any issue relating to the new minor is the Director of Undergraduate Studies at the School of Law: Dr. Logan Sawyer, e-mail lesawyer@uga.edu.

#### **Bulletin Layout**

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- JURI XXXX

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#### Choose at least one of the following:

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0	COMM 4330	0	JURI 3500
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0	ENVM 4770H	0	JURI 3980
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0	JRLC 5040/7040	0	LEGL 4600/6600
0	JURI 2216S	0	LEGL 4700/6700
0	JURI 2080	0	LEGL(REAL) 5200
0	JURI 2120	0	POLS 4700
0	JURI 2300*	0	POLS 4710
0	JURI 2350E	0	POLS 4720*
0	JURI 2500	0	POLS 4730

<sup>\*</sup>Students may take one, but not both, of JURI 2300 and POLS 4720.

#### Choose at least one of the following:

CMLT 4260†
 CMLT 4680†
 ECON 4450/6450
 ENGL 3830
 ENGL 3880S
 ENGL 3851S

GEOG 3640
GRMN 3720†
JURI 4199/6199
PADP 4690
PHIL 4240/6240
POLS 3600
POLS 4080
POLS 4740

POLS 4750
POLS 4760
POLS 4770
POLS 4780
POLS 4900
SOCI 3150
SOCI 4830

†Students may take CMLT 4260, CMLT 4680, or GRMN 3720 to fulfill the requirements of Elective Category 2, or Elective Category 3, but not both.

#### Choose at least one of the following:

- o CMLT 4260†
- o CMLT 4680/6680†
- o GRMN 3720†
- o HIST 3775
- o HIST 4060/6060
- o HIST 4120/6120
- o HIST 4320/6320
- o INTL 4210
- o INTL 4620
- o INTL 4644
- o JURI 2100
- o JURI 2105
- o JURI 2400
- o JURI 3210
- o JURI 3830
- o POLS 4781

#### **TOTAL HOURS: 15**

For more information about minor coursework, contact:

Dr. Logan Sawyer Director of Undergraduate Studies lesawyer@uga.edu

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### **Approvals on File**

**Proposal:** Minor in Law, Jurisprudence, and the State

College: School of Law

**Department:** School of Law

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2021

### School/College:

• School of Law Dean, Mr. Peter "Bo" Rutledge, 9/8/20