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 a total of at least 9 hours:

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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, POLS 1105H, POLS 1105, POLS 4700, POLS 4710, HIST 2101, 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.
Minor – Law, Jurisprudence, and the State

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- Fulfillment of the UGA general education US Constitution requirement
- Minimum Cumulative GPA (institutional GPA) of 3.2
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Required Courses (6 hours):
- JURI 3233 or JURI 3233E
- JURI XXXX

Elective Courses (9 hours):

Choose at least one of the following:
- AAEC 4050/6050
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- COMM 4330
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- HFIM 3180
- HPAM 4150
- JRLC 5040/7040
- JURI 2216S
- JURI 2080
- JURI 2120
- JURI 2300*
- JURI 2350E
- JURI 2500
- JURI 2600
- JURI 3200S
- JURI 3500
- JURI 3627
- JURI 3840E
- JURI 3980
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- LEGL(REAL) 5200
- POLS 4700
- POLS 4710
- POLS 4720*
- POLS 4730

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Choose at least one of the following:
- CMLT 4260†
- CMLT 4680†
- ECON 4450/6450
- ENGL 3330
- ENGL 3880S
- ENGL 3851S
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o JURI 4199/6199
o PADP 4690
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o SOCI 4830

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o CMLT 4260†
o CMLT 4680/6680†
o GRMN 3720†

Choose at least one of the following:

o HIST 3775
o HIST 4060/6060
o HIST 4120/6120
o HIST 4320/6320

Choose at least one of the following:

o INTL 4210
o INTL 4620
o INTL 4644

Choose at least one of the following:

o JURI 2100
o JURI 2105
o JURI 2400
o JURI 3210
o JURI 3830

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TOTAL HOURS: 15

For more information about minor coursework, contact:

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