



SMART CHOICE

College of Liberal Arts (COLA)

Legal Studies (AA Criminal Justice – BS Legal Studies)

NSU Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies: The Legal Studies Program seeks to provide excellence in teaching, research, service and community development. We provide a diversified education in the various disciplines necessary for success in the fields of civil or criminal justice. Our program combines theory and practical application to prepare students for employment in law firms of all sizes, state and federal courthouses, corporations and other business associations, banks and trust companies, educational institutions, and local, state and federal government agencies. Legal Studies graduates also find employment within the criminal justice system as police officers. The Legal Studies degree provides an excellent academic foundation for students wishing to pursue the Juris Doctorate or other higher education degree.

Major Guidelines / Regulations: For admission to the BS program, students must have completed ENGL 1113, ENGL 1213 with a grade of “C” or better; completed MATH 1513 with a grade of “C” or better or score 23 or higher on the Math ACT; satisfied the university’s computer proficiency requirement; and achieved an overall GPA of 2.25 or higher. Students must achieve an overall GPA of 2.25 or higher. Students enrolled in classes offered by the COLA are expected to behave according to those Standards of Professional Behavior, found on the COLA website. Graduation with the BS degree requires that all core and major classes must be completed with a “C” or better and that 21 (of 42) credits in the BS core must be earned at NSU.

What it takes to complete a BS in Legal Studies from NSU. If you don’t complete your A.A. or A.S. at TCC, you will need to meet NSU’s specific general education requirements. You must complete at least 124 hours to earn a bachelor’s degree. Of those hours, 60 must be from a university (four-year school; 30-hours required from NSU), 40 must be junior and senior (3000/4000) level, and half of the hours (50%) in your major must be from NSU. You must also be both English and computer proficient. This means that you must pass ENGL 1113 Composition I and ENGL 1213 Composition II with a “C” or better and pass the designated computer proficiency class if needed. Therefore, when you transfer to NSU, you will likely need around 60 more hours to earn your bachelor’s degree.

Transferring to NSU is a seamless process. Although you can transfer to NSU at any time in your academic career, the smoothest transition occurs if you have earned or will earn an A.A. or A.S. from TCC. This milestone will also meet your general education requirements at NSU (unless it is a specific NSU requirement for you to graduate).

How do my TCC classes transfer to NSU? Every class that you take at TCC will transfer to NSU. Each class counts in one of the following categories that make up a bachelor’s degree: general education, major, minor, or free elective. Minors (18 hours) are a coherent set of courses in a discipline or interdisciplinary grouping other than a student’s degree program. **This program requires a minor.** Free electives can be selected from any academic area. They allow you to explore academic interests outside of your major while counting toward the 124 hours you need to graduate. If you completed a class at TCC that does not meet one of the other specific requirements, it will count as a free elective. If you complete more than 64 hours at the associate degree level, all courses will transfer to NSU, but may be counted as electives. You must have 60 hours from a four-year institution to meet state requirements for graduation with a baccalaureate degree.

When can you start taking NSU classes? You can begin taking classes at NSU while you are completing your A.A. or A.S. at TCC. This is called dual enrollment and many students do this each semester. Consult an NSU academic advisor and a financial aid counselor to see how dual enrollment can work for you.

TCC Criminal Justice, AA to NSU Legal Studies, BS

Criminal Justice, AA

Freshman Year at Tulsa Community College

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
CRIM 1013 Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRIM 2123 Criminal Law I
ENGL 1113 Composition I	Criminal Justice Elective (3 hours)
HIST 1483 U.S. History 1492 to the Civil War Era OR HIST 1493 U.S. History Civil War Era to the Present	ENGL 1213 Composition II
MATH 1473 Quantitative Reasoning or higher level GE Math	General Education Humanities Elective (3 hours)
General Education Science without lab (3 hours)	POLS 1113 American Federal Government
Total Hours Per Semester = 15	Total Hours Per Semester = 15

Criminal Justice, AA

Sophomore Year at Tulsa Community College

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
COMM 1113 Public Speaking	CRIM 2103 Criminal Evidence
CRIM 2143 Criminal Law II	CRIM 2333 Criminal Procedures II
CRIM 2223 Criminal Procedures I	General Education Humanities Elective (3 hours)
Required General Education Elective (3 hours)	General Education Recommended Elective (3 hours)
General Education Science w/ Lab (4 hours)	Criminal Justice Elective (3 hours)
Total Hours Per Semester = 16	Total Hours Per Semester = 15

After completion of your TCC courses, have the TCC Registrar send an official transcript to the NSU Admissions Office. If you have completed all requirements for an Associate degree, make sure that designation is noted on your TCC official transcript before sending to NSU. If you have not completed the requirements for an Associate degree, talk with your TCC Academic Advisor about Reverse Transfer options to use NSU coursework to complete your TCC degree.

Legal Studies, BS

Junior Year at Northeastern State University

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
CRJ 3413 Electronic Legal Research and Writing	CRJ 4513 Legal Analysis
CRJ 3553 Technology Applications in the Legal Environment	CRJ Guided Elective (6 hours)
CRJ Guided Elective (3 hours)	Minor Coursework (3 hours)
Minor Coursework (6 hours)	Free Electives 3000/4000 level (6 hours)
Total Hours Per Semester = 15	Total Hours Per Semester = 18

Legal Studies, BS

Senior Year at Northeastern State University

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
CRJ 4433 Civil Litigation, Procedure and Pleadings I	CRJ 4593 Capstone: Law Office Operations and Ethics
CRJ 4113 Introduction to Law and the American Court System	CRJ Guided Elective (3 hours)
Minor Coursework (6 hours)	Minor Coursework (3 hours)
Free Electives 3000/4000 level (3 hours)	Free Electives 3000/4000 level (6 hours)
Total Hours Per Semester = 15	Total Hours Per Semester = 15

Total hours transferred from Tulsa Community College: **61**

Total hours needed from a four-year university to complete a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies: **63**

Total Degree Plan Hours: 124

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