

Merced College 2021-2022

To view the locations of where the Legal Studies program is offered, please refer to the following: <https://www.umassglobal.edu/academic-programs/bachelors-degrees>. For GE requirements please see the General Education Transfer Guide.

Completion of the full CSU or UC IGETC certification (CA), Washington and Oregon state-approved Direct Transfer degrees or other state's equivalent transfer certification prior to the student being admitted, enrolled and attending his/her first session in a bachelor degree program at UMass Global satisfies all UMass Global GE requirements except LBSU 302 & 304. Students who matriculate to UMass Global with partial GE certifications will have their coursework evaluated on a course by course basis to determine appropriate applicability to each general education category.

Lower division courses may be eligible to fulfill upper division major requirements if approved by the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

This list includes only the requirements that are commonly seen in transfer, and is not a comprehensive list of all the course requirements within the BA Legal Studies program. For a complete list of program requirements, please refer to the UMass Global catalog.

Further information regarding the courses below can be found in UMass Global's [Course Articulation Database \(CAD\)](#).

General Education Requirements

Foundation Courses		
LEST 300	Foundations of Law	No Comparable Course(s)
LEST 403	Legal Research and Writing	No Comparable Course(s)
LEST 304	Constitutional Governance	No Comparable Course(s)
LEST 306	Business Organizations	No Comparable Course(s)
LEST 462	Ethics in a Legal Environment	No Comparable Course(s)

Degree Requirements & Concentrations/Electives
<p>BA Legal Studies consists of 33 credits in core courses and 12 credits of electives or in courses in a selected area of emphasis to fulfill the 45 credit requirement for the program.</p> <p>Students may choose from the following emphases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paralegal Profession 2. Business Law <p>It is possible for transfer courses to meet course requirements within the emphasis area. That coursework must be reviewed by a dean within the School of Arts and Sciences to determine transferability.</p>

***Minimum of 30 credits completed in residence at UMass Global; 18 of which must be upper-division credits, 12 of which must be in the student's major.**