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MINOR CURRICULUM

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Each 3-credit course has been selected and or developed based on its context and relevancy for fostering understanding of the learning outcomes associated with law and the American legal system. Students will take 9 of 12 hours from the required classes in Group 1 and 9 hours will be classes at the undergraduate (or graduate if a BAMA/ BSMS student) level so long as there is the word “Law”, “Legal” “Judicial” or “Courts” in the course title/ subtitle (Group 2).

An undergraduate student who is interested in attending law school upon completion of their degree at TAMU can pursue any major. Common majors include: Criminal Justice, Business and Political Science; these are not necessary to be accepted into law school. Law school admissions vary from university to university; having any particular major or having a PreLaw minor will not ensure an acceptance into law school.

Criteria for Earning the Minor

The student must:

- Successfully complete 9 hours of the courses found in Group 1.
- Successfully complete 9 hours of elective courses which have “Law” or “Legal” in the title or subtitle; these may be at the graduate level if the student is in the BAMA or BSMS degree program.
- Take no more than 6 hours at the lower division can be used in the minor.
- Not double courses in the major or another minor for the Prelaw minor.

Group 1:

BA 3310 Legal Environment of Business

CRIJ 2329 Fundamentals of Criminal Law

PHIL 2301 Introduction to Logic

CRIJ 4311/ PSCI 4311 Constitutional Law

Group 2: Suggested courses (may include any course in Group 1)

COMM 4323 Communication Law

CRIJ 3302/PHIL 3302 Philosophy of Law

CRIJ 3306 Law and Society

CRIJ 4312/PSCI 4312 Criminal Procedure Law

PSCI 4326 The Judicial Process

EDSE 4330 Special Education Law and Procedures

Justification

Many students at TAMIU are interested in pursuing a legal career. Some students want to become lawyers and others paralegals. The courses in Group 1 will assist students who want to learn more about law and the legal system. Specifically, the content taught within BA 3310, CRIJ 2329 and CRIJ 4311/PSCI 4311 are reflective of materials covered during the first year of law school. PHIL 2301 will assist those students studying for the LSAT (law school admission test). The minor will help students determine if they wish to continue their education and help them work in the legal field.

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Importance: High
RE: the pre-law minor, I wholeheartedly support this. Please add: EDSE 4330 Special Ed Law and Procedures to Group 2.