

To: Fort Wayne Senate
From: Margit Codispoti, Chair
Curriculum Review Subcommittee
Date: April 27, 1999
Re: Proposal for a Legal Studies Major in the B.S.P.A.

The Curriculum Review Subcommittee has voted to inform the Senate that the proposal for a **Legal Studies Major in the Bachelor of Science in Public Administration** requires no Senate review.

APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	ABSENT
Codispoti		Hill
Holt		Murphey
Legg		Salmon
Mansour-Cole		Ushenko
Moore		Narang (sabbatical)
Oberstar		
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Proposal for a Legal Studies Major in the B.S.P.A. at IPFW

I. Rationale

At the present time, SPEA at IPFW offers a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs with three different majors (Public Management, Health Services Administration, and Criminal Justice). A B.S.P.A. in Legal Studies would offer IPFW students an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law, and will provide them with a broad liberal arts curriculum in which to enhance written, analytical, and verbal skills. Completion of the B.S.P.A. in Legal Studies will assist students in their preparation for law school, graduate school in many disciplines, research, government service, and a myriad of other activities. Baccalaureate programs in Legal Studies in the United States first began at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst a little more than a quarter-century ago. Within the SPEA system in Indiana, the Bloomington and South Bend campuses currently offer this major.

II. Resources

The implementation of this major would require no additional resources for SPEA at IPFW. Currently, one of the required courses (SPEA V376) is also a core requirement for the Public Management major, and is offered in multiple sections annually. The other two SPEA required courses (V377 and V405) have never been offered at the IPFW campus but are part of the SPEA systemwide curriculum and can be readily offered with existing full-time personnel. The same holds true for the following electives: V260, V406, V407, and V456. The Criminal Justice law-related courses (J301, J302, J304, and J401) are currently taught by adjunct faculty. However, a formal request to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at IPFW has been made for a third full-time tenure-track position in Criminal Justice. The creation of a new position would obviously be a qualitative asset to the B.S.P.A. program in Legal Studies. The other SPEA elective course (H441) can be offered by either full-time personnel or adjunct faculty depending upon Departmental needs.

III. Course Descriptions

Note: All courses listed are 3 credit courses.

B.S.P.A. in Legal Studies at IPFW (10 courses/30 hours)

Sources: SPEA courses: *Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs Undergraduate Programs Bulletin (1998-2000)*; non-SPEA courses: *IPFW Undergraduate Programs Bulletin (1998-2000)*.

Core Required Courses (6 courses=18 hours)

1. SPEA V376 Law and Public Policy

The purpose of this course is to provide a basic understanding of the origins, process, and impact of law in the making and implementing of public policy. The course's major objective is to provide students with the substantive concepts necessary to understand the judicial system and law in its various forms.

2. SPEA V377 Legal Process and Contemporary Issues in America

P: SPEA V376. An introduction to the American legal system, including the Constitution, courts system, and administrative law in federal and state agencies. Readings and discussion center around current issues affected by the legal process.

3. SPEA V405 Public Law and the Legislative Process

This course focuses on Congress as a policy-making body in the United States public law system. It covers the constitutional framework for congressional operations as well as technical aspects of the legislative process such as bill drafting and analysis, the role of leadership, and the prerogatives of individual members.

4. POLS Y211 Introduction to Law

An introduction to law as a method for dealing with social problems and as an aspect of the social and political system. An introduction to legal reasoning, procedures, and materials. Will usually include comparison of U.S. and other societies and their approaches to law.

5. POLS Y304 American Constitutional Law I

6. POLS Y305 American Constitutional Law II

P: POLS Y103 or consent of instructor. Nature and function of law; selected Supreme Court decisions interpreting American constitutional system.

Electives (4 courses (12 hours); 2 courses (6 hours) must be SPEA courses)

1. SPEA V260 Topics in Public Affairs (Law related topics)

Study of selected issues in public affairs. Topics vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit.

2. SPEA V406 Public Law and the Electoral Process

The purpose of this course is to facilitate understanding of the interaction of electoral politics and policy. It covers the legal framework of the evolution of the "right" to vote, the impact of the judiciary on the structure of elections, limitations on campaign practices, and the importance of legislative districting and its control.

3. SPEA V407 Public Law and Governmental Relations

The purpose of this course is to build understanding of governmental relations work as applied to careers in the field. It covers the historical evolution of the constitutional right to petition the government with an understanding of the limitations imposed upon the process. The interaction of public and private sectors is included.

4. SPEA V456 Topics in Public Law

Extensive analysis of selected contemporary issues in public law. Topics vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit.

5. SPEA J301 Substantive Criminal Law or SPEA J401 Criminal Law and Procedure

P: SPEA J101. SPEA J301: The development, limitations, and application of substantive criminal law utilizing the case-study method. SPEA J401: The development, limitations, and applicability of criminal law and procedure under the Constitution of the United States. Not open to students with credit for SPEA J301.

6. SPEA J302 Procedural Criminal Law

P: SPEA J101. Criminal law application and procedure from the initiation of police activity through the correctional process, utilizing the case-study method.

7. SPEA J304 Correctional Law

P: SPEA J101. Legal problems from conviction to release: pre-sentence investigations, sentencing, probation and parole, incarceration, loss and restoration of civil rights.

8. SPEA H441 Legal Aspects of Health Care Administration

An overview of the liability and legal responsibility, as well as legal recourse health care facilities may exercise. This course will discuss policies and standards relating to health facility administration. Also included is a discussion of financial aspects unique to hospital/health care facility environment, such as third-party payments and federal assistance.

9. BUS L303 (Commercial Law II)

P: Admission to Business B.S. or P.B.A. program. Emphases on Uniform Commercial Code (sales, negotiable instruments and secured transactions), business organizations and relationships, bankruptcy, and the law of ownership, custody, and possession. Required for business B.S. majors in the accounting concentration.

10. ENG W350 Advanced Expository Writing

P: W233 or equivalent. Close examination of the assumptions and choices that govern content and style, and practice in the techniques of producing a variety of researched papers incorporating primary and secondary research appropriate to audience and purpose.

11. HIST A349 Afro-American History

P: Sophomore class standing or consent of instructor. A study of Blacks in American history from earliest colonial days to the present. The lectures will consider such questions as the impact of slavery on the Black person, the nature of racism in America, Black social and cultural institutions, and changing patterns of civil rights protests.

12. HIST H260 History of Women in the United States

How have women's lives changed from the colonial period to the 20th century? This introductory survey focuses on women's historical roles in the workplace, the family, and politics. Material will be drawn from legal, constitutional, political, social, demographic, economic, and religious history. Credit not given for both H216 and H260.

13. JOUR J300 Communications Law or COM 352 Mass Communication Law

JOUR J300: History and philosophy of laws pertaining to free press and free speech. Censorship, libel, contempt, obscenity, right of privacy, copyright, government regulations, and business law affecting media operations. Stresses responsibilities and freedoms in a democratic communications system. Required course for journalism majors and IPFW journalism minor. Also required course for radio and television students. COM 352: Study of Anglo-American traditions and trends, as well as current American conditions of the laws of libel, privacy, fair comment and criticism, privilege, property rights, and copyright as such factors affect the print journalist and the broadcaster. Emphasis is on existing state and federal regulations and precedents. Credit is not given at IPFW for both COM 352 and JOUR J300.

14. OLS 468 Personnel Law

P: 268 and 376, or by approval of the instructor. A consideration of personnel law, including EEO, pensions, wage contracts and payments, worker's compensation and insurance, and other statutes, as well as labor laws and arbitration.

15. PHIL 260 Philosophy and Law

A discussion of philosophical issues in the law. Topics will include a critical examination of such basic concepts in law as property, civil liberty, punishment, right, contract, crime, and responsibility; and a

survey of some main philosophical theories about the nature and justification of legal systems. Readings will be drawn from both law and philosophy.

16. POLS Y200 Contemporary Political Topics: Women and the Law

Beginning with the exploration of the origins and underlying rationale of women's status in the American legal tradition and the role that law plays in helping shape the continually developing political climate and structure of the nation, this course is intended to provide the student with the basic knowledge of various fields of law as they pertain to women. With this knowledge, students will be able to analyze the political implications of the legal status of women in the context of both the present situation and the future developments.

17. POLS Y367 International Law

P: POLS Y109 or consent of instructor. Sources and consequences of international law; relationship to international organizations and world order; issues of national sovereignty, human rights, conflict resolution, international property rights, world trade, environmental change, and other topics. Eligible for graduate credit.

18. PSY 381 Psychology and Law

P: PSY120 or equivalent. An introduction to the application of psychological theory and research to the law. Topics covered include: eyewitness identification, jury selection, jury decision-making, and plea bargaining and various applications of psychology to legal philosophy and practice.