



HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PLAN
BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) IN LEGAL STUDIES
CATALOG YEAR: 2025-2026

NAME: _____ H#: _____ DATE: _____

Candidates for a single major undergraduate baccalaureate degree must complete a total of at least 120 credit hours along with the following requirements:

- No fewer than 30 semester hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- No more than 6 credit hours in Kinesiology activity courses or other student activity hours will count towards the 120-credit hour requirement.
- Complete the Liberal Arts Core Requirements
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 upper-level hours in the major.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major.
- If completing a MINOR, at least 9 upper-level hours of residency at HCU included in the minor with a grade of "C" or higher in all courses.

Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, each student MUST:

- Receive prior approval for any courses taken at another institution (up to 18 total credit hours only).
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 60 credit hours have been completed.
- File an application to graduate at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS: *Course must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSES	HOURS	COURSES	HOURS
*ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I	3	*MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking (or higher) or *PHIL 1305 Logic and Quantitative Reasoning	3
*ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II	3	Natural Science with Lab	4
ENGL 2315 or 2325 Great Works of Literature I or II	3	GOVT 2313 American & Texas Government	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	3	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	3	Additional History Course (Choose one): HIST 2312, HIST 2313, HIST 2323	3
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible	3	ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation or NARR 1300 Narrative Arts: Fiction, Film, and Games	3
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology & Tradition	3	COMM 1323 Rhetoric & Public Speaking or CLAS 1343 Ancient Rhetoric for Modern People	3
		TOTAL HOURS IN LIBERAL ARTS CORE	43

Students transferring to Houston Christian University with 45 or more hours of transferable college credit are only required to take CHRI 3300, Introduction to Bible and Theology, to meet their Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Christianity requirements.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
ENGL 2315 or 2325	Take remaining course not taken in core curriculum	3
HIST 2312, 2313, or 2323	Take remaining two courses not taken in core curriculum	6
Foreign Language	6 hours of one foreign language	6
	TOTAL HOURS IN SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES CORE	15

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
BUSA 2320	Legal Environment of Business	3
GOVT 2350	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
PHIL 4323	Ethics	3
HIST 3354	History of Britain I to 1688	3
COMM 4314	Great American Speeches	3
GOVT 3344	The American Court System	3
GOVT 3345 or GOVT 3324 or GOVT 3387	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought or State and Local Politics or Campaigns and Elections	3
GOVT 3348	American Political Thought	3
GOVT 4313	Constitutional Law	3
GOVT 4314	Constitutional Law II	3
GOVT 4310	Jurisprudence: The Philosophy of Law	3
GOVT 3390	Great Trials	3
GOVT 3342	Foundations of Criminal Law	3
GOVT 3340	Legal Aspects: Criminal Justice	3
	TOTAL HOURS IN MAJOR	42
	ELECTIVE HOURS REQUIRED	20
	TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE	120

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Community Life and Worship (CLW) credits: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 credits must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 credits may be CLW-B earned through community life events).
- FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take a three-hour course, ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN. THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR _____

DATE _____

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