

Business Ethics and Legal Studies (BELS) Minor (2025-2026)

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- The BELS minor is open to all undergraduate students. Non-business majors complete 20 credits, and business majors complete 16 credits.
- A minor GPA of 2.00 or higher is required to graduate.
- Only grades of “C-” or higher fulfill minor requirements.
- Any minor course substitutions must be preapproved by Bruce Klaw in the BELS Department.
- Students pursuing a minor in both BELS and Business Administration should note that LGST 2000 will **not** be able to count toward both minors simultaneously; courses cannot overlap between minors. Instead, students will take an additional 4-credit LGST course to earn the minimum credits required for the BELS minor.

Business Ethics and Legal Studies (BELS) Minor Course Requirements

Today’s managers, professionals, and entrepreneurs operate in a complex legal environment that affects all facets of an organization. Firms need business graduates with knowledge of law, ethics, and public policy for jobs in management, human resources, marketing, purchasing, finance, accounting, real estate, and environmental affairs. Business and trade associations depend on staff members who monitor legislative and judicial decisions. A Business Ethics and Legal Studies minor provides a foundation for careers in the public or private sector.

LGST 2000 Foundations of Business Law (4 credits) is a prerequisite to all other LGST courses.

- During autumn, winter, and spring quarters, enrollment in LGST 2000 includes the Ethics Boot Camp. Please consult the online schedule of classes for the specific dates for this meeting. LGST 2000 includes a course fee.
- Business majors complete this course as part of the Business Core. Prerequisites for business majors include BUS 1440 and sophomore standing (45 credits earned).
- Prerequisites for non-business majors include sophomore standing (45 credits earned) and declaring the minor.

Requirements for non-business majors: 20 total credits

- LGST 2000 Foundations of Business Law (4 credits)
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing (45 credits earned) and declared minor
- At least 12 credits of LGST subject code coursework
- In addition, students may take either another LGST subject code course (4 credits) or, **with prior approval of the department chair**, up to one non-LGST course (4 credits) toward the BELS minor.

Requirements for business majors: 16 total credits

- At least 12 credits of LGST subject code coursework
- In addition, students may take either another LGST subject code course (4 credits) or, **with prior approval of the department chair**, up to one non-LGST course (4 credits) toward the BELS minor.

BELS minors are mentored and supported by experienced and passionate faculty. Students in the BELS minor will have unique opportunities to apply their knowledge, build their networks, and enhance their resumes (and/or law school applications) through hands-on leadership activities like Ethics Boot Camp and experiential courses.