

LEGAL STUDIES TRACK

This track is ideal for students interested in **pursuing a law degree and then careers in the private or public sector sides of the legal profession.** (Keep in mind that completion of these courses alone does not fulfill degree requirements.)

Possible careers include:

- Private practice in a law firm
- Legal counsel for nonprofit organizations and political interest groups
- Corporate legal counsel
- Legislative counsel to elected officials
- Office of the public defender or county / district attorney
- Office of the state or federal attorney general
- Local, state, or federal judgeship

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Recommended courses for track:

PLSI 126 – International Law and Organization
PLSI 170 – Constitutional Law: The Federal Structure
PLSI 171 – Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
PLSI 174 – Politics and the Court
PLSI 179T – Moot Court
PLSI 188T – American Indian Law

Students interested in pursuing a career in law are encouraged to compete for the Fresno State Moot Court Team. This is a specialized class in which students prepare for and argue a mock appellate court case in scrimmages, regional, and national competitions. PLSI 174 provides the tools and training that can be applied in the PLSI 179T seminar, which is the actual Moot Court course. Please contact Professor Gina Wallace for more information regarding the Moot Court Team.

For complete information on course and unit requirements to complete a bachelor's degree in Political Science, refer to the course catalogue and the department's website at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/socialsciences/polisci/degrees/index.html>.

Pursuing any track is optional, and you may switch tracks if your interests or career goals change.