



DEPARTMENTAL HONORS IN LEGAL STUDIES

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Commonwealth College Departmental Honors (HN-CCDEPT) admission requirements:

- to participate in Departmental Honors, students must be members in good standing of Commonwealth College with the ability to complete 45 graded (not pass/fail) credits in residence (registered at UMass Amherst, not transferred);
- students must meet with the Departmental Honors Coordinator to discuss requirements and departmental opportunities. The Coordinator will sign a *Change of Major* form initiating a change to **Legal Studies Departmental Honors (LEGAL HN-CCDEPT)** to indicate an intention to admit the students to the LEGAL DH track;
- finally, the *Change of Major* form must be co-signed at the Commonwealth College Office to finalize admission to the track.

Requirements for the distinction Departmental Honors in Legal Studies:

Completion of Commonwealth College honors course requirements as specified on the student's Commonwealth College contract. The following honors courses are required unless accommodations are contracted in the student's Commonwealth College file:

- ENGLWP 112H or approved substitution with grade of B or better (or exemption)
- GenEd honors course with grade(s) of B or higher
- GenEd "I" honors course with grade(s) of B or higher
- Deans Book Series with grades of B or higher in one 1-credit intro section and in two follow-up sections
- LEGAL Honors courses 300 level or higher with grade of B or higher
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- LEGAL 499Y "Honors Research" with grade of B+, A- or A for Magna; A- or A for Summa *
- LEGAL 499T "Honors Thesis" or LEGAL 499P "Honors Project" with grade of B+, A- or A for Magna; A- or A for Summa *

* The minimum grade requirement applies to each 499 course used to satisfy the Culminating Experience requirement, as well as the archives manuscript produced for the Project or Capstone Course options. Document archiving guidelines and GPA requirements (3.500 or higher for Magna, 3.800 or higher for Summa) also apply for Latin high honors candidates.