Society, Ethics, and Law (S.E.A.L.) is a university degree that has been designed for students who are interested in pursuing law school, or developing a highly transferable skill set that is useful to non-profits and businesses alike. To this end, S.E.A.L.’s curriculum is primarily guided by the published recommendations of the American Bar Association (A.B.A.). While the A.B.A. does not recommend nor require any particular major, it does encourage prospective law students to i) pursue opportunities (courses and experiences) that cultivate a specific set of skills; ii) obtain experiences that "can help [them] hit the ground running when [they] become a lawyer; and iii) develop “a broad understanding of history, including the various factors (social, political, economic, and cultural) that have influenced the development of our society in the United States.”

The requirements for this University Studies degree reflect the A.B.A.’s recommendation. Under the broad themes of Society, Ethics, and Law, the degree requires classes that contribute to a broad understanding of philosophy, politics, economics and history. Specifically, S.E.A.L. requires that students complete 24 hours of major requirements, a minor in Philosophy, and a second minor outside of the Liberal Arts. In addition to obtaining a broad understanding of society, ethics and law, the degree requires that students pursue experiences and opportunities that typically cultivate the A.B.A.’s recommended skill set:

1. **Problem Solving** involves "courses and other experiences that will engage [students] in critical thinking about important issues, challenge ... beliefs and improve ... tolerance for uncertainty and criticism.”

2. **Critical Reading** involves "close reading and critical analysis of complex textual material.”

3. **Writing and Editing** involves "preparing original pieces of substantial length and revising written work in response to constructive criticism. [...] Language is the most important tool of a lawyer, and lawyers must learn how to express themselves clearly and concisely.”

4. **Oral Communication and Listening** involves "the ability to speak clearly and persuasively... and excellent listening skills.”

5. **Research** involves "undertaking a project that requires significant library research and the analysis of large amounts of information obtained from that research.”

The study of philosophy lends itself to the development of the five recommended skills. To this end, the required minor in Philosophy provides an opportunity to cultivate these skills.

Students are strongly advised to take philosophy courses over and above the minimum requirements for a minor, including independent studies and honors research courses.

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**Program Requirements**

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Select one from:

- COMM 203 Public Speaking
- COMM 243 Argumentation and Debate
- ENGL 210 Technical and Business Writing
- PHIL 240 Introduction to Logic

**Mathematics**

- Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)

**Life and physical sciences**

- Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)

**Foreign language**

- Foreign language (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts)

**Language, philosophy and culture**

- Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)

**Creative arts**

- Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)

**Social and behavioral sciences**

- Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)

**Literature requirement**

- Literature requirement

**POLS 206**

- American National Government

**POLS 207**

- State and Local Government

**American history**

- American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)

**International and cultural diversity**

- International and cultural diversity (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements)

**Philosophy Minor**

- 15

**Minor 2**

- 15-18

**Free electives**

- 1-4

**Total Semester Credit Hours**

- 120
Select two courses from: AFST 252/PHIL 252, AFST 300/
HIST 300, AFST 301/HIST 301, AFST 317/SOCI 317, AFST 352/
PHIL 352, AFST 353/PHIL 353, AFST 401, AFST 425/COMM 425,
ANTH 205, ANTH 210, ANTH 404/WGST 404, ANTH 409, COMM 307/
JOUR 301, COMM 327, COMM 335, COMM 354, COMM 425/
AFST 425, COMM 431, COMM 438, COMM 440, COMM 446,
COMM 460, ECON 202, ECON 318/WGST 318, ECON 323, HIST 300/
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HIST 450, HIST 451, HIST 455, HIST 460, HIST 461/
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ECON 318, WGST 391, WGST 404/ANTH 404, WGST 409/PHIL 409
and WGST 424/SOCI 424.

Select two courses from: PHIL 111, PHIL 205, PHIL 314,
PHIL 315, PHIL 353/AFST 353, PHIL 381, PHIL 480, PHIL 482/
ENGR 482, PHIL 485, PHIL 489 and SOCI 327.

Select two courses from: COMM 307/JOUR 301, ECON 420,
ECON 425, ECON 426, EHRD 210, JOUR 450, HIST 447, MGMT 209,
MGMT 212, PHIL 334, POLS 351, POLS 353, POLS 355,
POLS 356/POLS 357, POLS 358, POLS 461, POLS 462/WGST 462,
POLS 475, PSYC 354, PSYC 371, SOCI 445 and WGST 462/POLS 462.

Students must take PHIL 484 and then choose the remainder of
the required 6 hours from: COMM 203 COMM 240, COMM 243,
COMM 301, COMM 324, COMM 325, COMM 327, COMM 420/
WGST 420, ENGL 210, WGST 403, PHIL 300-499 and any course from
the other focus areas lists.

Take 14 hours of the same language.

To be chosen from the college approved list (http://
catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts).

No more than one Texas History course can be used to satisfy this
requirement.

This second minor must be chosen from outside of the College of
Liberal Arts.

Any 100-499 courses not used elsewhere.