



# THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY

## Law

### Dual-Credit Pathway

#### Pathway Description:

Law touches every aspect of modern society, including all professional fields and industries. Hence a basic knowledge of law and its connection to society, politics, economics, and culture, is indispensable for any student aspiring to a professional career. Students pursuing a degree in Law at Thomas More will acquire strong research, analytical, and argumentative skills by engaging in a comprehensive and multidisciplinary study of law and legal systems, both domestic and international. As a result, TMU Law graduates are uniquely positioned to advance their career in a broad cross-section of professional fields or to present themselves as an attractive candidate to any law school.

Additionally, Thomas More offers a 3+3 program in cooperation with NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law and the University of Cincinnati College of Law. This program allows a student to apply to either College of Law as a junior at Thomas More. If accepted, the student can count their first year of completed courses in law school in place of their senior level law courses at Thomas More, thus earning both an undergraduate and law degree in six years. This uniquely designed program enables TMU students to matriculate at a local law school, and to save time and tuition. Thomas More is among very few universities offering an accelerated and cost-effective program like this.

#### Pathway Courses:

Course	Title
LAW 105	Introduction to Law
LAW 155	American Constitutional and Legal Theory
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRJ 255	Criminology

#### Pathway Course Descriptions:

- **LAW 105 – Introduction to Law**
  - Prerequisite: None
  - Description: An introduction to various aspects of the legal profession, such as exploring a legal career, applying to law school, career options, basic legal terminology, and the court system.
- **LAW 155 – American Constitutional and Legal Theory**
  - Prerequisite: None
  - Description: This course examines the historical origins and development of the American idea of freedom. Where did this idea come from? Is it unique to American society? How did this idea of freedom change over time in different historical contexts? We will critically engage these core questions as we examine the intellectual, political,



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economic, and legal debates and struggles that informed the American idea(s) of freedom in general and the legal idea(s) in particular. This will entail examining how American ideas of freedom historically articulate and disarticulate with social practices and ideas of labor and class, race and gender.

- **CRJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice**
  - Prerequisite: None
  - Description: An introduction to the philosophical and historical background and development of the criminal justice system. Review of criminal justice functions, processes and procedures, and an examination of current trends and concepts are also explored. A grade of C or higher in this course is required for all higher-level Criminal Justice courses.
- **CRJ 225 - Criminology**
  - Prerequisite: C or better in CRJ 101
  - Description: Criminology examines crime and the criminal in society. The nature of crime and criminal law, theories of crime and crime causation, and methods of treatment and prevention are also addressed.

### Certifications Earned:

- n/a

### Additional Notes:

- n/a

### Links:

- Program website: <https://www.thomasmore.edu/program/law/>