

PRE-LAW, MINOR

A broadly-based liberal education will best prepare one to study law, and therefore no fixed pre-law curriculum is prescribed. Admission to an accredited law school is dependent upon a good undergraduate record with an earned baccalaureate degree and a competitive score on the Law School Admission Test.

Students interested in going to law school or exploring the possibility of doing so should make an appointment with the Pre-Law Advisor as early in their academic career as possible. The Pre-Law Advisor can guide the student in selecting courses that will help prepare the student for law school, plus provide valuable information on law schools, the Law School Admission Test, and typical admission procedures.

The Pre-Law Minor is an interdisciplinary program specifically designed for students considering law school and a career as an attorney after graduation. It is designed to supplement a student's chosen major(s) by providing a strong foundation in basic legal concepts as well as legal research and writing. The minor incorporates course work from several disciplines related to law to develop students' advocacy and interpersonal skills and introduce them to legal concepts in specific areas of legal practice.

While law schools do not require any particular undergraduate course of study before applying, the Pre-Law Minor encourages and enables students to make a more informed decision on whether they wish to attend law school and pursue a career as an attorney.

Course substitutions may be approved by the Chair of the Department of Government.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
LAS 210	Introduction to Law	3
LAS 220	Legal Research and Writing I	3
Choose from 12 hours of the following, with a maximum of nine hours from any one prefix:		12
CMS 205W	Advocacy and Opposition	
CMS 325	Communication in Conflict Management	
CMS 420	Negotiation	
CMS 450	Mediation	
CRJ 313	Criminal Justice Ethics	
CRJ 314	Law and Society	
CRJ 323	Legal Issues in Adult Corrections	
BUS 204	Fundamentals of Business Law and Ethics	
LAS 300	Legal Research and Writing II	
PLS 216	Criminal Law	
PLS 316	Criminal Evidence	
PLS 416	Criminal Procedure	
POL 360	Judicial Process	
POL 460	Law and Society	
POL 463	Constitutional Politics	
POL 464	Law and Politics of Civil Liberties	
POL 466A & POL 466B	Mock Trial and Mock Trial II (maximum six hours)	

POL 495	Practicum in Political Science (Special Topics: Trial Advocacy and Procedure)	
Total Hours		18