Pre-Law

The Pre-Law program introduces students to the study of law, encourages student engagement with the legal profession, and prepares students for the law school admission process. The Pre-Law Concentration provides a basic government and law background for students who hope to go on to law school but are not majoring in Government. Students from any major may consider applying to law school upon graduation. The Department of Government and International Affairs offers a series of public law courses to assist students considering law as a career. For students majoring or minoring in Government, these courses can be taken to count for the American Government concentration; for students in other majors, these courses can be taken as a Pre-Law Concentration. In addition to the courses for credit, the Pre-Law program hosts events and activities related to the practice of law, such as moot court competition, Constitution Day, the student Pre-Law society, participation in law school admission fairs and conferences, and presentations by members of the legal community.

Pre-Law Advisor

Dr. Brandon T. Metroka, Assistant Professor (BA University of Pittsburgh; MA, Ph.D. Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University): American Politics, Law and Courts.

Curriculum for the Pre-Law Concentration (24 hours)

15 hours required:
- GOVT 1315 American Politics
- GOVT 2392 Intro. to the U.S. Legal System
- PHIL 1381 Intro. to Philosophy
- PHIL 3312 Logic
- ENGL upper-level Rhetoric course

3 hours from the following:
- GOVT 1391 Human Rights
- GOVT 2342 Law & Social Justice in Movies and Novels
- GOVT 2375 International Orgs.
- GOVT 3353 Texas Legislative Process
- GOVT 3375 Moot Court
- GOVT 4315 Constitutional Law I
- GOVT 4316 Constitutional Law II
- GOVT 4330 International Law

6 hours from the following:
- BLAW 3317 Business Law
- BLAW 4320 International Business Law
- BLAW 4340 Labor & Employment Law
- ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ENGL upper-level Literature course
- PHIL 3332 Ethics
- PHIL 3385 Justice
- SPCH 1311 Public Speaking

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Pre-Law Program (For students entering Fall 2019)

The Pre-Law program is designed primarily to develop the skills necessary for success in law school, focusing on reading comprehension, analytical writing, and oral communication. Students of any major are encouraged to enroll in the Pre-Law Concentration, as the practice of law encompasses many elements of society and law schools continue to favor cultivating diversity in all of its aspects. The Department of Government offers a series of law-related courses designed to familiarize students with law and to develop the analytical skills necessary for success on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and performance in first-year law classes, including research, writing, and public speaking. In addition to the courses for credit, the Pre-Law program hosts events and activities related to the practice of law, such as moot court competitions, Constitution Day, the student Pre-Law society, participation in law school admission fairs and conferences, and presentations by members of the legal community.

Pre-Law Advisor
Dr. Brandon T. Metroka, Assistant Professor
B.A., University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown; M.A. and Ph.D., Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University.

Curriculum for the Pre-Law Concentration (28 hours)

15 Hours required:
- GOVT 1315 Intro. to American Politics
- GOVT 2392 Intro. to the U.S. Legal System
- PHIL 1381 Intro. to Philosophy
- PHIL 3312 Logic
- COMM 1311 Public Speaking

3 Hours Research:
- GOVT 2325 Social Science Research Methods (OR Methods Equivalent, subject to approval)

3 Hours Writing/Communication:
- ENGL 2365 Professional and Technical Communication, OR, Intro. to Rhetorical Theory

1 Hour Law School Application Prep:
- GOVT 31XX "So, You Want to be a Lawyer?"

6 Hours Electives (Select Two)
- GOVT 2350 Environmental Policy & Politics
- GOVT 3300 U.S. Congress
- GOVT 3375 Moot Court
- GOVT 4315 Constitutional Law I
- GOVT 4316 Constitutional Law II
- GOVT 4330 International Law
- ENGL 33XX Rhetorical Criticism

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