

Pre-Law Program

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences



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Pre-Law

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 Political Science 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

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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
OR
ENGL 3355

1 Hour Law School Application Prep:

GOVT 3111 Law School Preparation Colloquium

6 Hours Electives (Select Two)

ENGL 3360 Rhetorical Criticism
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
PHIL 3332 Ethics
PHIL 3385 Justice

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