

PRE-LAW PREPARATION

Admission requirements at law schools normally include the completion of a baccalaureate degree program at a regionally accredited institution, a distinguished cum. GPA and a competitive score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

Standards concerning GPA's and LSAT scores vary between schools. Law schools do not specify a particular undergraduate curriculum or major as preparation for a legal education. Legal study draws on many fields of knowledge in the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities. Potential law students should elect courses sufficiently diverse to acquire the basic ideas and methodologies of a number of disciplines, and to develop their skills of critical analytical thinking and effective written and oral expression. Pre-law advisors are available to help in this process; they assist pre-law students with selecting courses, how to prepare for the LSAT, the law school application process while providing periodic programs and workshops of interest to pre-law students.

WC General Education requirements meet part of the general preparation for law school. Pre-law students should consider taking some of the following courses, either as part of General Education, or as electives.

- Courses marked with a ¹: logic, because it is helpful to prepare for the LSAT
- Political science courses, because they prepare students for the study of cases in law school
- Business law because it introduces topics like contracts and torts, philosophy of morality and ethics courses; these are issues central to the profession
- Sociology courses because they explore domestic and global crime and justice issues.

Recommended Courses

Courses listed below comprise a list of potential courses students preparing for the LSAT, law school, and legal careers should enroll in. In addition to the courses listed, students may pursue the interdisciplinary minor in Justice, Law & Society. This list is not exhaustive and may be tailored to student's goals and interests.

Code	Title	Credits	Notes
BUS 112	Intro to Financial Accounting	4	_____
BUS 303	Legal Environment of Business ¹	4	_____
CMS 150	Public Speaking	4	_____
ECN 111	Principles of Macroeconomics	4	_____
ECN 112	Principles of Microeconomics	4	_____
ENG 201	The Art of Rhetoric	4	_____
HIS 201 & HIS 202	History of the United States to 1865 and History of the United States Since 1865	8	_____
MAT 109	Statistical Inference & Data Analysis I	4	_____
PHL 100	Introduction to Philosophy	4	_____
PHL 108	Introduction to Logic ¹	4	_____
PHL 225	Ethical Theory ¹	4	_____
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PHL 300	Business Ethics	4	_____
PHL 335	Philosophy of Law ¹	4	_____
POL 102	American Government and Politics	4	_____
POL 323	Constitutional Law ¹	4	_____
POL 320	Law and Society ¹	4	_____
POL 323	Constitutional Law	4	_____
POL 374	International Organization & Law	4	_____
SOC 240	Criminology ¹	4	_____
SOC 341	Variant Behavior ¹	4	_____
SOC 342	Sociology of Punishment	4	_____

¹ Particularly recommended for pre-law students