

# Recommended courses for pre-law students

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Deciding to prepare for law school can be one of the most exciting, yet challenging, decisions during your undergraduate studies. While there is no specific major required or recommended to study law, it is important for you choose a major you'll enjoy and find challenging. We encourage students to design an undergraduate education portfolio to include a major(s), certificate(s) and/or minor(s). In developing this portfolio, keep in mind the important skill areas for success in law school and a legal career identified by the American Bar Association:

- **Problem-solving**
- **Critical reading and writing**
- **Oral communication and listening**
- **Relationship-building**
- **Background knowledge**
- **Exposure to the law**
- **Research**
- **Organization and management**
- **Public service and promotion of justice**

## Certificates

- African Studies
- Historic Preservation
- Bioethics
- International Human Rights
- Business Law & Ethics
- Journalism
- Foundations of Cybersecurity
- Paralegal Studies
- Professional Writing
- Legal Studies Certificate
- Security Studies

## Minors

- Any Foreign Language
- Forensic Populations
- Criminal Justice
- Paralegal Studies
- Economics
- Philosophy
- English Literature
- Political Science
- Environmental Analysis and Policy
- Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies

*Some of the courses listed may require prerequisites. This is not an exhaustive list. There are many other minors, certificates, and classes that you can consider.*

### Africana Studies

- AFST 3025 African American Social and Political Thought
- AFST 3034 Black Male Issues
- AFST 3035 - Black Health Care
- AFST 3086 Black Politics

### Business

- BLAW 2080 Legal Environment of Business
- BLAW 2085 Employment Law
- BLAW 2090 Consumer Law
- BLAW 4045 Global Legal Environment
- BLAW 4065 Legal Aspects of Marketing (2025-26)
- BLAW 5060 Business Law

### Classics

- CLAS 1001 Greek Civilization
- CLAS 1002 Roman Civilization

### Communication

- COMM 1071 Introduction to Effective Speaking
- COMM 1076 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication
- COMM 2002 Advanced Public Speaking
- COMM 2004 Communicating about Health, Environment, and Science
- COMM 2012 Persuasion and Civic Engagement

- COMM 2049 Communication and Social Justice
- COMM 2081 Business Communication
- COMM 3002 Argument and Contemporary Issues
- COMM 3048 Nonverbal Communication
- COMM 3049 Intercultural Communication

### Criminal Justice

- CJ 1001 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJ 1005 Introduction to Courts
- CJ 2024 Juvenile Justice System
- CJ 2042 Legal Issues in Corrections
- CJ 3025 Criminal Law
- CJ 3050 Criminal Investigation
- CJ 4020 Criminal Procedure

### Economics

- ECON 1001 Introduction to Microeconomics
- ECON 1002 Introduction to Macroeconomics
- ECON 3076 "Economic applications of blockchain"
- ECON 3085 Environmental Economics
- ECON 4018 "Game theory and strategic thinking"
- ECON 4025 "Behavioral economics"
- ECON 4060 Labor Economics
- ECON 4070 Industrial Organization

### English

- ENGL 2007-2008 American Literature Survey
- ENGL 2021-2022 World Literature
- ENGL 2047 Introduction to Linguistics
- ENGL 2073 Rhetoric and Public Engagement
- ENGL 3000 Introduction to Literature & Cultural Studies
- ENGL 3059 Intro to Rhetoric & Professional Writing
- ENGL 3060 Language and Knowledge in Public Discourse
- ENGL 4089 Advanced Composition

### Environmental Studies

- EVST 6001 Global Environmental Law and Policy
- EVST 6002 Global Biodiversity: Law and Policy

### History

- HIST 1001-1002 United States History
- HIST 1003-1004 World History
- HIST 1005-1006 European History
- HIST 2042 and 1008 Middle Eastern History
- HIST 2065 and 1010 Latin American History
- HIST 2031-2032 History of U.S. Foreign Relations
- HIST 2090 Pirates, Brigands, and Tyrants
- HIST 3011 Revolutionary America
- HIST 3019 History of American Invention
- HIST 3022-3023 Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Relations
- HIST 3027 American Economy & Society
- HIST 3040 History of the Civil Rights Movement
- HIST 3079 Stock Exchanges and Global Capitalism
- HIST 3087 Immigration Across the Disciplines
- HIST 3102 Great Trials in History
- HIST 4002 From Natural Law to Human Rights
- HIST 4026 The American State
- HIST 4027 U.S.-Asia Foreign Relations
- HIST 6021 International Institutions & Law

### Journalism

- JOUR 2010 Reporting and Writing
- JOUR 2020 Media, Law & Ethics
- JOUR 3000 Journalism Research
- JOUR 3005 Feature Writing & In-Depth Reporting
- JOUR 3035 Political Reporting
- JOUR 4005 Race and Reporting
- JOUR 4010 Public Affairs Reporting
- JOUR 4050 Investigative Journalism

### Law (taught by College of Law)

- LAW 2001 Introduction to Law and the Legal Profession
- LAW 2002 Blind Injustice (Honors)
- LAW 2003 American Constitutional Landmarks
- LAW 2005 Race and Law
- LAW 2006 Government Regulation
- LAW 2008 Health Law & Policy
- LAW 2010 Public Health Law & Policy

- LAW 2012 Created Equal? Race, Law, Citizenship & the Long Civil Rights Movement
- LAW 2014: Law & Regulation of Blockchain Technology
- LAW 2015: Field Study: Columbia & the Law

### Management

- MGMT 4016 Negotiations

### Multidisciplinary

- MLTI 3050 Mock Trial Internship

### Paralegal Studies

- PARA 1011-1012 Legal Research & Writing I and II
- PARA 2021 Civil Litigation I and II
- PARA 2023 Real Estate Law
- PARA 2025 Estate Planning & Probate
- PARA 2028 Bankruptcy Law
- PARA 2029 Employment Law
- PARA 3002 Environmental Law
- PARA 3003 Federal Income Tax Law
- PARA 4001 Sports and Entertainment Law
- PARA 4002 Intellectual Property

### Organizational Leadership

- ORGL 2070 Organizational Leadership and the Law

### Philosophy

- PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 1002 Introduction to Mind & Will
- PHIL 1003 Introduction to Ethics
- PHIL 1009 Philosophy of the City
- PHIL 1011 Introduction to Logic
- PHIL 1015 Introduction to Ethics Bowl
- PHIL 1025 Contemporary Moral Issues
- PHIL 1051 AI & the Human Condition
- PHIL 1052 Ethics of AI
- PHIL 1089 Sex and Death
- PHIL 2029 Medical Ethics
- PHIL 3005 Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 3015 Ethics Bowl
- PHIL 3019 Crime and Punishment
- PHIL 3020 Normative Ethics
- PHIL 3021 Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 3022 Philosophy of Race
- PHIL 3026 Ethics and Family
- PHIL 3027 Environmental Ethics
- PHIL 3028 Bioethics

### Political Science

- POL 1010 Introduction to American Politics
- POL 1040 Introduction to Political Theory
- POL 1060 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POL 1080 Introduction to International Relations
- POL 1090 Introduction to Legal Studies: Law and Society

- POL 2010 Public Opinion and American Politics
- POL 2011 Elections in America
- POL 2012 Political Parties in America
- POL 2013 Democratic Citizenship
- POL 2015 Women and Politics
- POL 2017 Government & Politics of Ohio
- POL 2019 The American Presidency
- POL 2020 The American Congress
- POL 2021 American Courts and Judicial Process
- POL 2022 Politics of Law & Religion in the US
- POL 2026 Introduction to Public Administration
- POL 2030 Introduction to Public Policy
- POL2031 Environmental Politics and Policy
- POL 2083 US National Security
- POL 2085 Terrorism and Insurgency
- POL 2088 International Law and Organization
- POL 2089 International Human Rights
- POL 2097 International Institutions

- POL 3022 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights + Liberties
- POL 3026 Islamic Law and Politics
- POL 3089 Ethics, Violence and War

### **Real Estate**

- RE 4087 Real Estate Law

### **Sociology**

- SOC 1002 Introduction to Social Inequality
- SOC 2043 Contemporary Social Problems
- SOC 3041 Sociology of Education

### **Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**

- WGS 1050 Work and Family Conflict
- WGS 2000 Women in American History
- WGS 3050 Women, Gender, and the Law
- WGS 3054 Asian Women and Representation
- WGS 3059 Black Feminism