



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

INTRODUCTION TO PRE-LAW



Admission to law school does not require a specific undergraduate major or course of study. Pre-Law at UNO is not a major.

Law schools emphasize skills such as oral and written communication, creative and critical thinking, and understanding human institutions and human nature.

Choose a major based on your interests, and work with pre-law advisors to create an additional plan of study that will help you develop relevant skills and learn about legal concepts and arguments.

Courses primarily concerned with the law are not a necessary preparation for law school. They might be useful to those unsure of their interest in law school or the field of law in which they might focus. To develop keen analytical skills, clarity, and persuasiveness in various forms of written and oral communication, a pre-law student's program of study should provide a balanced set of courses from the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities.



UNO's Pre-Law Society

UNO's Pre-Law Society sponsors events throughout the year in the interest of helping students learn about and prepare for the legal field. Representatives from law schools are often available to speak with students at UNO pre-professional and career fairs. Other group activities include LSAT preparation.



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Suggested Pre-Law Classes

The classes below are not required; they are merely meant to offer a starting point for a plan of study that will improve skills emphasized by law schools in their admissions process. Many of these courses can be used for General Education requirements, minors, or university electives.

Skills

CMST 2120: Argumentation & Debate*
CMST 3120: Persuasive Speaking
PHIL 1210: Critical Reasoning
PHIL 1040: Law, Politics, and Society*
PHIL 2010: Symbolic Logic
PSCI 1100: Intro to American Government*
PSCI 2180: Introduction to Law*
PSCI 3170: Interest Groups
ECON 2200: Microeconomics*
ECON 2220: Macroeconomics*
ENGL 2400: Advanced Composition

Criminology & Criminal Justice

CRCJ 1010: Survey of Criminal Justice*
CRCJ 2110: Criminal Courts*
CRCJ 3010: Philosophy of Criminal Justice
CRCJ 3310: Criminal Law
CRCJ 3510: Criminal Procedure
CRCJ 3970: Internship in Criminal Justice
CRCJ 4060: Criminal Justice Ethics

**courses suitable for first-year students*

Legal Topics

PSCI 4170: Constitutional Law: Foundations
PSCI 4180: Constitutional Law: The Federal System
PSCI 4190: Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
PSCI 4050: The Judicial Process
PHIL 3010: Philosophy of Justice
HIST 4330: US Constitutional History to 1860
HIST 4340: US Constitutional History since 1860
HIST 4600: Anglo-American Legal History
BLST 3410: Law and the Black Community
JOUR 4410: Communications Law
JOUR 4420: Theories of the First Amendment:
Free Speech and Press
ENVN 4820: Intro to Environmental
Law & Regulation
SOC 4500: Law, Family, and Public Policy



For More Information

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