Pre-Law

While a broad, liberal arts education is generally considered to be an excellent preparation for law school, there is no fixed, comprehensive pre-law curriculum prescribed by any American law school. In general, pre-law students should develop rigorous study habits, become skilled in clear and logical communication, and select courses that can enhance critical reading, writing, and analytical skills.

There is no specified undergraduate degree program required for entry into law school. Students are advised to choose the major that is the best fit in terms of personal interests, strengths and alternative career options.

Students are advised to explore the web sites of law schools in which they are interested and to familiarize themselves with admissions standards at those schools. Almost all law schools require students to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Additional information is available from the Law School Admission Council, www.lsac.org.

Another valuable resource is the current Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools, published and prepared by the Law School Admission Council and the Association of American Law Schools. This yearly publication, found at www.lsac.org, contains information on the law and lawyers, pre-law preparation, applying to law schools, the study of law, and most American law schools.

At the University of Kentucky, Undergraduate Studies provides advising regarding pre-law preparation and the application and admission process. Students considering law school can contact a pre-law advisor in Undergraduate Studies. For additional resources, visit Undergraduate Studies at:

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