Pre-Law

While a broad, liberal arts education is generally considered to be an excellent preparation for law school, no fixed, comprehensive Pre-Law curriculum is 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 enhance critical reading, writing, and analytical skills.

Law schools do not require or expect a particular undergraduate degree program. Students are advised to consider majors aligned with their interests, strengths, and potential career choices.

Students also are encouraged to explore the websites 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 ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools, published and prepared by the Law School Admission Council and the American Bar Association. This yearly publication and information on the law and lawyers, pre-Law preparation, applying to law schools, the study of law, and most American law schools is available at www.lsac.org.

Students interested in law school should meet with a Pre-Law advisor at least once a year while pursuing their undergraduate curriculum, attend Pre-Law information sessions, and subscribe to the Pre-Law listserv. Please contact a prelaw advisor at ukcareercenter@uky.edu or ASPreLaw@uky.edu to set up a meeting to discuss law school in more detail. Any students interested in law school are encouraged to visit www.uky.edu/careercenter/pre-law or www.as.uky.edu/pre-law for additional information.