pre-professional advising

At the University of Kentucky (UK), pre-professional programs are interest areas that students complete alongside their UK Core requirements and major curriculum.

Undergraduate Studies (US) advisors offer support and guidance to all UK students interested in applying to law school. In addition to recommending coursework and guiding students through the application process, US pre-law advisors also connect students to University programs, such as UK Education Abroad, National Student Exchange, or the Center for Community Outreach, which enhance law school applications.

meet with an advisor

Students interested in law should meet with a pre-law advisor at least once during their freshman/sophomore years and at least twice during their junior/senior years. Visit uky.edu/us for instructions on setting up an appointment with a pre-law advisor.

prepare

A broad, liberal arts education is considered excellent preparation for law school. There is no fixed, comprehensive pre-law curriculum prescribed by any American law school. Students are advised to choose a major that is the best fit for their personal interests, strengths and alternative career options.

Pre-law students should research law schools of interest and understand their admissions standards. While applicants to law school must be academically qualified to study law, law schools typically consider both academic and non-academic factors in the review process. Visit uky.edu/US to learn more about law school preparation.

Almost all law schools require applicants to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Students are encouraged to take logic coursework before taking the LSAT. Visit www.lsac.org for more information from the Law School Admission Council.

get involved

UK’s pre-law chapter of Phi Alpha Delta (PAD), part of the world’s largest fraternity, unites students who demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing a legal career and increases their awareness of the legal profession and law school application process. PAD focuses on individual success by developing programs such as lectures by practicing attorneys and current law students, social activities, UK Law Day and practice LSATs. For more information on Phi Alpha Delta, and other law-related student organizations, visit getinvolved.uky.edu and search “law”.

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UK Law is celebrating over one hundred years of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is honored to have provided legal education to many of the nation’s outstanding lawyers, judges, political leaders, and business people. Visit law.uky.edu to learn more about UK Law, including featured events and programs, application information, curricular offerings and more.