Pre-Law Program
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A secondary major in Legal Studies (36 credit hours) and a Minor in Legal Studies (24 credit hours) are offered through the Pre-Law program. The minor and the secondary major provide students the opportunity to study legal ideas, legal research, legal institutions, and the legal process, while improving the student’s ability to critically analyze issues, balance conflicting interests, and articulate legal arguments clearly in oral and written communications. The secondary major has a strong multidisciplinary emphasis and allows students to study law from a broader social science perspective. A secondary major can only be earned in conjunction with a primary major. The purpose of the program is not the training of legal professionals (which requires graduate legal studies at a law school); rather the program is offered to the students as a field of critical inquiry within the framework of their undergraduate education.

The Pre-Law Scholars program is an exclusive opportunity for freshman applicants who plan to eventually attend law school. Students who are accepted into this highly-selective program are placed on an admittance track to Saint Louis University, School of Law. Pre-law Scholars are required to take 17 credit hours of course work. Pre-Law Scholars are encouraged but not required to earn a Minor in Legal Studies or a Secondary Major in Legal Studies.

For more detailed information on all of these programs, see the Pre-Law Program website. All courses are three credit hours unless otherwise indicated.

Secondary Major in Legal Studies (36 credit hours)
May only be done as a second major to the student’s primary major

Learning Objective #1-Fundamental Legal Principles
(15 credit hours total)
PLS 1000 Introduction to Law
PLS 2000 Introduction to Legal Research & Writing

AND

PLS 2100 American Constitution: The Original American Constitution
OR
PLS 3130 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
OR
HIST 3700 U.S. Constitutional History

AND

PHIL 4040 Symbolic Logic
OR

PHIL 4060 Logic for the Pre-professional

AND

One Course from the list below:
PHIL 4330 Philosophy of Law
POLS 3720 Renaissance & Modern Political Thought
HIST 3390 History of English Law
HIST 3700 U.S. Constitutional History
CMM 4420 Freedom of Expression
SOC 4310 Issues in Jurisprudence

Legal Objective #2-Critical Reading and Writing Skills/Development of Oral and Written Negotiation, Mediation, & Advocacy Skills
(6 credit hours total from the list of coursework below)

CMM 3050 Argumentation and Debate
CMM 4050 Theories of Persuasion
PHIL 3800 Language and Argument
PLS 2500 The Anatomy of Lawsuit (2 credit hours)
PLS 3000 Alternative Dispute Resolution
PLS 3100 Introduction to Trial Advocacy (2 credit hours) AND
PLS 3200 Introduction to Trial Advocacy Lab (2 credit hours)
PLS 3400 Trial Advocacy Practicum Lab (2 credit hours)
PLS 3900 Introduction to Appellate Advocacy
THR 2540 Voice and Diction

Learning Objective #3 The Practical Application of Law-Legal Internship or Service Learning Courses
(3 credit hours total-Students must choose one option below)

PLS 4910 Legal Internship (Prerequisite-PLS 100 & PLS 200)
PLS 2200 Law: A Service Learning Experience (Prerequisite-PLS 100)
SWRK 5703**International Social Work
CCJ 4000**Field Work Practicum (ONLY 3 credit hours will count toward the secondary major in Legal Studies)

POLS 3800** Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally
** Pre-Law Program Director permission required prior to taking the course.

Learning Objective #4-Learning Substantive Provisions of Law
(9 credit hours required)
Any course listed for Learning Objectives 1-3 may also be taken under Learning Objective #4 Students are encouraged to choose an elective course that relates to their undergraduate major-

Allied Health Majors
HIM 3100 Medico-Legal Aspects
PLS 3935 Issues in Health Law
Business & Economics Majors:
MGT 2000 Legal Environment of Business I
MGT 4500 Legal Environment of Business II
MGT 3301 Negotiations
MGT 4401 Legal Issues in Sports and Entertainment
MGT 4402 Intercollegiate Athletics Management
ECON 4120 Law and Economics

**Communications Majors**
CMM 3050 Argumentation and Debate
CMM 4050 Theories of Persuasion
CMM 4420 Freedom of Expression

**Criminal Justice & Sociology Majors:**
CCJ 3330 Corporate White Collar Crime
CCJ 4000 Field Work Practicum
CCJ 4310 Issues in Jurisprudence

**Engineering & the Sciences Majors**
PLS 3500 Environmental Law

**History Majors**
HIST 3390 History of English Law
HIST 3700 US Constitutional History

**Philosophy Majors**
PHIL 4330 Philosophy of Law

**Political Science Majors**
POLS 2100 The American Constitution
POLS 3100 Judicial Politics
POLS 3130 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
POLS 3640 International Law

**Psychology Majors**
PSY 4480 Psychology and Law

**Social Work Majors**
SWRK 3100 The American Social Welfare Systems
SWRK 5711 Social Work and the Law

**Theology Majors**
THEO 2515 Social Justice

**Learning Objective #5-Integrating Legal Principles-Capstone**
(3 credit hours required)
PLS 4960 Comparative Legal Systems (Pre-Law Students)
OR
PLS 4965 Foundations of Law (Pre-Law Scholars)

**Minor in Legal Studies -24 credit hours**
(All course work is three credit hours unless otherwise noted)

**Introductory Coursework-9 credit hours**
*PLS 1000 Introduction to Law
*PLS 2000 Introduction to Legal Research and Writing
*Must complete ONE of the four courses below
ACCT 2200 Financial Accounting
ECON 1900 Principles of Economics
PHIL 4040 Symbolic Logic
PHIL 4060 Logic for the Pre-professional

**Oral and Written Communications-3 credit hours**
PLS 2500 The Anatomy of a Lawsuit (2 credit hours)
PLS 3000 Alternative Dispute Resolution
PLS 3100 Introduction to Trial Advocacy (2 credit hours) AND
PLS 3200 Introduction to Trial Advocacy Lab (0-2 credit hours)
PLS 3400 Trial Advocacy Practicum Lab (0-2 credit hours)

**PLS 3900 Introduction to Appellate Advocacy**

**Public Service/Promotion of justice-3 credit hours**
PLS 2200 Law: A Service Learning Experience
(Prerequisite PLS 100)
PLS 4910 Legal Internships (Prerequisite PLS 100 & PLS 200)

**Elective Credits-6 credit hours**
Students are encouraged to choose an elective course that relates to their undergraduate major-

**Allied Health Majors**
HIM 3100 Medico-Legal Aspects
PLS 3935 Issues in Health Law

**Business & Economics Majors:**
MGT 2000 Legal Environment of Business I
MGT 4500 Legal Environment of Business II
MGT 3301 Negotiations
MGT 4401 Legal Issues in Sports and Entertainment
MGT 4402 Intercollegiate Athletics Management
ECON 4102 Law and Economics

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CMM 3050 Argumentation and Debate
CMM 4050 Theories of Persuasion
CMM 4420 Freedom of Expression

**Criminal Justice & Sociology Majors:**
CCJ 3330 Corporate White Collar Crime
CCJ 4000 Field Work Practicum
CCJ 4310 Issues in Jurisprudence

**Engineering & the Sciences Majors**
PLS 3500 Environmental Law

**History Majors**
HIST 3390 History of English Law
HIST 3700 Constitutional and Legal History of the United States

**Philosophy Majors**
PHIL 4330 Philosophy of Law

**Political Science Majors**
POLS 2100 The American Constitution
POLS 3100 Judicial Politics
POLS 3130 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
POLS 3640 International Law

**Psychology Majors**
PSY 4480 Psychology and Law

**Social Work Majors**
SWRK 3100 American Social Welfare Systems
SWRK 5711 Social Work and the Law

**Theology Majors**
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**Learning Objective #5-Integrating Legal Principles-Capstone**
(3 credit hours required)
PLS 4960 Comparative Legal Systems (Pre-Law Students)
OR
PLS 4965 Foundations of Law (Pre-Law Scholars)

**Minor in Legal Studies -24 credit hours**
(All course work is three credit hours unless otherwise noted)

**Introductory Coursework-9 credit hours**
*PLS 1000 Introduction to Law
*PLS 2000 Introduction to Legal Research and Writing
*Must complete ONE of the four courses below
ACCT 2200 Financial Accounting
ECON 1900 Principles of Economics
PHIL 4040 Symbolic Logic
PHIL 4060 Logic for the Pre-professional

**Oral and Written Communications-3 credit hours**
PLS 2500 The Anatomy of a Lawsuit (2 credit hours)
PLS 3000 Alternative Dispute Resolution
PLS 3100 Introduction to Trial Advocacy (2 credit hours) AND
PLS 3200 Introduction to Trial Advocacy Lab (0-2 credit hours)
PLS 3400 Trial Advocacy Practicum Lab (0-2 credit hours)

**PLS 3900 Introduction to Appellate Advocacy**

**Public Service/Promotion of justice-3 credit hours**
PLS 2200 Law: A Service Learning Experience
(Prerequisite PLS 100)
PLS 4910 Legal Internships (Prerequisite PLS 100 & PLS 200)

**Elective Credits-6 credit hours**
Students are encouraged to choose an elective course that relates to their undergraduate major-

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HIM 3100 Medico-Legal Aspects
PLS 3935 Issues in Health Law

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CCJ 4000 Field Work Practicum
CCJ 4310 Issues in Jurisprudence

**Engineering & the Sciences Majors**
PLS 3500 Environmental Law

**History Majors**
HIST 3390 History of English Law
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PSY 4480 Psychology and Law

**Social Work Majors**
SWRK 3100 American Social Welfare Systems
SWRK 5711 Social Work and the Law

**Theology Majors**
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**Learning Objective #5-Integrating Legal Principles-Capstone**
(3 credit hours required)
PLS 4960 Comparative Legal Systems (Pre-Law Students)
OR
PLS 4965 Foundations of Law (Pre-Law Scholars)

**Minor in Legal Studies -24 credit hours**
(All course work is three credit hours unless otherwise noted)

**Introductory Coursework-9 credit hours**
*PLS 1000 Introduction to Law
*PLS 2000 Introduction to Legal Research and Writing
*Must complete ONE of the four courses below
ACCT 2200 Financial Accounting
ECON 1900 Principles of Economics
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PHIL 4060 Logic for the Pre-professional

**Oral and Written Communications-3 credit hours**
PLS 2500 The Anatomy of a Lawsuit (2 credit hours)
PLS 3000 Alternative Dispute Resolution
PLS 3100 Introduction to Trial Advocacy (2 credit hours) AND
PLS 3200 Introduction to Trial Advocacy Lab (0-2 credit hours)
PLS 3400 Trial Advocacy Practicum Lab (0-2 credit hours)
Pre-Law Scholars Program
(Students must apply and be accepted to the Pre-Law Scholars Program before they commence their freshman year studies at Saint Louis University)

Course Requirements-17 Required Credit Hours
(All course work is three credit hours unless otherwise noted)

Pre-Law Scholars are required to take the following Pre-Law Courses:
  • PLS 1000 Introduction to Law
  • PLS 2000 Introduction to Legal Research & Writing
  • PLS 4910 Legal Internships (2)
  • PLS 4965 Foundations of Law (during the fall semester of junior year)

Pre-Law Scholars must also take and complete one of the five courses listed below, by the end of their junior year:
  • ECON 1900 Principles of Economics
  • PHIL 4060 Logic for the Pre-Professional
  • PHIL 4040 Symbolic Logic
  • PHIL 4330 Philosophy of Law
  • ACCT 2200 Financial Accounting

Pre-Law Scholars can choose one of the identified electives.
Students are encouraged to choose an elective course that relates to their undergraduate major-
Allied Health Majors
HIM 3100 Medico-Legal Aspects
PLS 3935 Issues in Health Law

Business & Economics Majors:
MGT 2000 Legal Environment of Business I
MGT 4500 Legal Environment of Business II
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Students need to submit two event summaries of pre-law activities during the academic year. See the Pre-Law Program website for additional information on Pre-Law Scholar Requirements.