

Pre-Law



WASHINGTON
& JEFFERSON
COLLEGE

The Pre-Law Program advises students interested in the legal profession and helps **prepare students for admission to law school**. Although **no specific courses are required for pre-law students** and such **students may major in any subject they choose**, pre-law students are encouraged to take challenging courses in accounting, English composition, and literature as well as law-related courses in economics, history, and political science. The Pre-Law program is associated with the Department of Political Science. Pre-Law advisors offer **guidance in choosing appropriate courses, taking the LSATs, visiting law schools, and preparing law school applications**.

Suggested Courses

- Honors Composition (ENG 112)
- Processes of American Government (POL 111)
- American Literature 1 and 2 (ENG 265 and 266)
- Legal Environment and Business Law (BUS 320)
- Information Technology and Society (CIS 100)
- Business, Entrepreneurship, and Society (BUS 101)
- Global Ethics (PPL 300)
- Intro to Logic (PHL 123)
- Constitutional History of the United States (HIS 333)
- International Law (POL 321)
- Principles of Marketing (BUS 307)
- Financial Accounting (ACC 211)
- Principles of Macroeconomics (ECN 102)
- Elementary Psychology I and II (PSY 101 and 102)
- Supreme Court and the Bill of Rights (POL 412)

Suggested Actions

- Maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA
- Attend meetings and lectures sponsored by the Pre-Law Society
- Prepare for the LSAT examination and consider taking a LSAT prep course or use online free materials, such as the LSAT Khan Academy
- Apply to a minimum of five law schools
- Visit law schools
- Participate in college activities
- Meet with a Pre-Law Advisor on a regular basis

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Program Website

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Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Internships

- Federal and State Legislatures
- Federal, State, and County Courthouses
- Law Offices
- Political Parties/Campaigns
- Federal and State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Employment

- Attorneys
 - Private Practice
 - Corporate Practice
 - Public Interest
 - Non-Profit General Counsel
- Politics
 - Political Campaign Manager
 - Election Analyst
- Academia
 - Educational Administration
- Public Service
 - FBI
 - Foreign Service Officer
- Judge Advocate General Corps

Alumni Achievements

- State Supreme Court Justices
- Federal and State Judges
- Federal and State Legislators
- High Ranking Military Lawyers and Judges
- Attorneys
 - Corporate
 - Private Practice
 - Public