

Minor in Pre-Law

Fall 2008 – Spring 2012

The minor in Pre-Law provides a coherent grouping of courses in the foundations and applications of the law. Specifically, the program is designed to acquaint students with:

1. different approaches to the study of law, including philosophical, sociological, political, and historical;
2. the elements of legal reasoning;
3. a body of case law in substantive areas;
4. and the skills necessary to succeed in a law school program including logic, research, writing, reading, and analytical thought.

The Pre-Law Minor provides students who major in non-law-related fields and who apply to law school some exposure to legal courses before pursuing their professional education. The minor in Pre-Law does not guarantee successful admission into law school, nor is it a prerequisite for law school. The minor requires completion of two core courses along with at least 24 hours of credits from a list of elective courses.

In preparation for the Pre-Law Minor, students are encouraged to complete as many of the following as part of their general education requirements as possible:	
ECO 201 Principles of Microeconomics	
ENG 291 Advanced College Writing	
JUS 203 The Criminal Court System	
JUS 205 Criminal Evidence <i>*Prerequisite: JUS 101</i>	
JUS 231 Race, Gender and Crime	
PHI 155 Intro to Ethics	
Core Courses (6 Hours Required):	Credits
JUS 210 Legal Research	3
PHI 165 Intro to Logic	3
Electives (24 Hours from the following):	
ECO 301 Intermediate Microeconomics <i>*Prerequisite: ECO 200-201 and STA 205 or 212</i>	3
ENG 331 Persuasive Writing or ENG 340 Business Writing <i>*Prerequisite: ENG 291 or equivalent</i>	3
ENG 301 American Novel <i>*Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of literature</i> , ENG 306 Multicultural American Literature <i>*Prerequisite: ENG 101, 151, or equivalent</i> , or ENG 315 Bible as Literature <i>*Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of literature</i>	3
HIS 311 The War for Independence and the Constitution 1763-1798, HIS 312 Federalist United States, 1789-1828, or HIS 589 Anglo-American Legal History	3
JUS 302 Criminal Law <i>*Prerequisite: JUS 11 or 203</i>	3
JUS 303 Criminal Procedure <i>*Prerequisite: JUS 101 or 203</i> or JUS 313 Rights of the Convicted <i>Prerequisite: JUS 101 or 201</i>	3
PHI 320 Social and Political Philosophy or PHI 330 Philosophy and the Law <i>*Prerequisite: sophomore standing</i>	3
PSC 304 Introduction to the Law <i>*Prerequisite: PSC 100, 100H, 101, 102, 102H, 103, 103H, 110 or 111.</i>	3
PSC 305 The Judicial Process <i>*Prerequisite: PSC 100, 100H, 101, 102, 102H, 103, 103H, 110 or 111.</i>	3
PSC 307 Constitutional Law or PSC 308 Civil Liberties <i>*Prerequisite for both: PSC 100, 100H, 101, 102, 102H, 103, 103H, 110 or 111.</i>	3
PCS 480 International Law <i>*Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of introductory political science courses.</i> or PSC 309 Law of Mass Communication (last Spring 2011) <i>*Prerequisite: PSC 100, 100H, 101, 102, 102H, 103, 103H, 110 or 111</i> or SOC 455 Comparative Criminal Justice or PSC 394 Special Topics (with coordinator approval)	3
PSY 340 <i>*Prerequisite: PSY 100</i> or SOC 303 Social Psychology	3
SOC 305 Criminology or SOC 381 Deviance and Social Control <i>*Prerequisite for both: SOC 100</i>	3

