Pre-Law Program Description

The University of Maine provides pre-law advising for any student planning to attend law school or considering the possibility. Crisanne Blackie, associate director, Career Center, is available to answer questions and urges all students who might be interested in law school to contact her as early as possible in their academic career.

The Career Center maintains materials of interest to potential law students. Our pre-law website provides up-to-date information and links to key resources.

Students can also earn a legal studies minor, which consists of six courses (18 units) in a number of fields. Such courses include Introduction to American Law, Constitutional Law, International Law, Local Government Regulation, Philosophy of Law, Environmental Protection Law and Policy, The Legal Environment of Business, and Law and Society. For complete details, consult the University of Maine Undergraduate Catalogue under Legal Studies, or contact the Dean’s Office in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Students may also become involved in the Pre-Law Society, the student pre-law organization that enables students to interact with peers as well as professors, lawyers and judges who are not only interested in the practice of law, but the role of law in society.

Pre-law services include the following:

- Exploring careers in law
- Undergrad preparation for law school
  - majors
  - helpful courses
  - reading lists
- Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
  - when to take?
  - preparation
  - evaluation of results
- Selection of law schools for applications
  - law school catalogs available
  - use of Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools

Information on law schools
- admission standards
- costs
- financial aid
- law school fairs

Application for admission
- when to submit?
- personal statement and recommendations
- transcripts
- Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS)
- evaluating your acceptances

Admission Requirements

There are no additional admission requirements needed to gain access to pre-law advising beyond those required to enter the University of Maine and one of its academic colleges. However, students should plan to undertake a demanding undergraduate degree program that will prepare them for the rigors of the law school entrance exams, law school study and their future practice.