

PRE-LAW

The Pre-law advising track at MSU is done in conjunction with another academic major. Some courses are better preparation for law school and students should meet with their adviser as soon as possible. The Pre-Law Society, is a student-sponsored organization and is available to encourage communication and interaction among pre-law students on campus.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

The Pre-Law advising track is not a degree program at Minnesota State Mankato but is a course of study within the University for students seeking to pursue admission into law school.

What major should I choose if I want to go to law school?

Any major! The most important consideration when choosing a major is to choose a major you are interested in and know you can get good grades in. The most common major for going into law school is Political Science, but law schools will accept applications from any major.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A student's grade point average and Law School Admission Test score are the primary factors on which law schools base their admission decisions. Law schools generally do not require a particular major field or any particular prescribed courses as a prerequisite for admission. Most law schools merely require a bachelor's degree.

Advisors play an important role in guiding the students enrolled in such a plan of study, so students are urged to contact their advisor before enrolling.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Analytical and Research Skills
- Time Management
- Persuasive Communication Skills
- Public Speaking and Interpersonal Communication Skills
- Organization Skills
- Attention to Detail

CAREERS

- Lawyer

EMPLOYERS

- Legal Services
- Local Government
- State Government
- Federal Executive Branch
- Management Companies and Enterprises

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

95.8%
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$145,760

The median annual wage for Lawyers in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Lawyers at link.mnsu.edu/lawyers-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



link.mnsu.edu/prelaw

COURSES RECOMMENDED FOR THE PRE-LAW ADVISING TRACK

There are no required classes for law school. You are free to take any courses you want, though some classes will help prepare you for law school. Below is a list of recommended pre-law courses:

ACCOUNTING

- 110 Accounting for Non-Business Majors

ECONOMICS

- 201 Principles of Macroeconomics
- 202 Principles of Microeconomics
- 305 Money and Banking

ENGLISH

- 270 Advanced Composition
- 321 British Literature: 1785 to the Present
- 328 American Literature: 1865 to the Present
- 445 Advanced Critical Writing

HISTORY

- 190 United States History to 1877
- 191 United States History since 1877
- Mathematics and Statistics
- 112 College Algebra-Math

PHILOSOPHY

- 110 Logic and Critical Thinking

POLITICAL SCIENCE

- 111 U.S. Government
- 311 Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy
- 312 Modern Political Philosophy
- 452 Jurisprudence
- 453 Constitutional Law
- 454 Civil Liberties

SOCIOLOGY

- 351 Social Psychology
- 423 Complex organizations

SPEECH

- 102 Public Speaking
- 220 Forensics
- 321 Argumentation and Debate
- 333 Advanced Public Speaking

For more information about course requirements, visit: hss.mnsu.edu/pre-law

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