

Guidelines for Majors at Nearby 4 Year Institutions

Major: **PRE-LAW**

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Admission to most law schools requires:

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. The major can be in any academic discipline, but the student must have achieved a good grade point average.

Law schools in general recommend that the pre-law student attempt to reach several goals during the undergraduate years: an understanding of the development of social, political and economic institutions; an ability to communicate well both orally and in writing; the capacity to think clearly, carefully and independently; and a habit of disciplined study.

The student should obtain breadth in humanities, sciences and social sciences such as anthropology, English, history, philosophy, mathematics and logic, science, sociology, economics, political science and psychology. In addition, the student should acquire a general understanding of the business world.

Most law schools require applicants to take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), administered regionally by the ETS (Educational Testing Service).

Every major industry, institution, and organization, as well as every individual citizen, is affected by the law to some degree. As a result, lawyers enter many careers and occupational opportunities. Approximately three-fourths of all the lawyers in the United States are in private practice, and the government employs the greatest number of salaried attorneys. A background in law also allows graduates opportunities in business, education, and politics. Although competition to enter law school is keen, the job market is open for those who complete the program.

CAREER FIELDS:

Adoption Attorney
Bar Examiner
Business Consultant
Corporate Lawyer
Criminal Lawyer

District Attorney
Insurance Lawyer
Judge
Lawyer
Patent Lawyer

Probate Lawyer
Professor
Real Estate Lawyer
Tax Attorney
Title Attorney

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