PRE-LAW PROGRAM
Washington & Jefferson College
Pre-Law Chart

Faculty Committee on the Legal Profession
Chair: Pre-Law Director
Secretary: Assistant Pre-Law Advisor

President, Dean & Faculty Monthly Reports

Local Bar Association Program Committee
Membership Includes:
- Pre-Law Director
- Assistant Pre-Law Advisor

Pre-Law Director
Assistant Pre-Law Advisor

Local, Regional & National Law Firm Contacts

Pre-Law Alumni Advisory Committee
Chair – Distinguished Lawyer or Judge
Membership Includes:
- Pre-Law Director and Assistant Pre-Law Advisor and Alumni Director

Resources:
- Other Pre-Law Advisors, NAPLA & LSAC

Law School Contacts

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Assists with Internships & Legal Programs

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Director of Pre-Law Program

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Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies
Assistant Pre-Law Advisor
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Dr. Robert East, Environmental Studies, Secretary
Dr. Hanna Kim, Philosophy
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SUGGESTED COURSES

- Advanced Composition
- American Government
- American Literature
- Argumentation and Debate
- Business Law
- Information Technology
- Entrepreneurship
- Ethics
- Formal Logic
- History of the United States
- International Law
- Marketing
- Principles of Accounting I & II
- Principles of Economics
- Psychology
- Supreme Court and the Bill of Rights
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 3.2.
2. Attend meetings and lectures sponsored by the Pre-Law Society.
3. Plan to take the practice LSAT in April of your junior year.
4. Plan to take the LSAT in the Fall of your senior year.
5. Apply to a minimum of five law schools.
7. Participate in college activities.
8. Meet with the Pre-Law Advisor on a regular basis.
9. Submit your applications electronically through LSAC.org.
10. Include a personal statement and a resume with all applications.
11. Submit letters of recommendation through LSAC.org.
The only circumstance in which candidates may apply for admission without a baccalaureate degree is through a pre-arranged 3/3 Early Admissions Agreement between the applicant’s institution and the Law School. The McAnulty College of Liberal Arts, A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration, the Mary Pappert School of Music, and the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences cooperate with the School of Law in programs that enable students to receive a bachelor’s degree after three years of undergraduate work and successful completion of the first year of law school. The Law School has partners with several other Universities and well.
Eligibility for the early admission programs generally require a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 over three years; completion of all undergraduate curricular requirements; a minimum LSAT score in at least the 60th percentile (students interested in applying should take the LSAT in the fall or winter of their junior year); a letter of recommendation from a pre-law advisor, undergraduate advisor, and/or a professor to the Law School’s Office of Admissions; and a personal interview with the Admissions Committee.
What Is ALAP?

ALAP is the Accelerated Law Admissions program (also known as the 3/3 Program) that allows exceptional students completing their undergraduate studies at one of our partner schools the opportunity to complete their undergraduate degree while beginning their first year of law school. These students complete their bachelor’s degree and law degree in a total of six years, rather than seven.
Who Should Apply

Students enrolled at the following schools are eligible to apply for the ALAP Program:

- University of Pittsburgh Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
- University of Pittsburgh College of Business Administration
- Washington and Jefferson College
- Carlow University

The ALAP program is highly competitive and students with outstanding academic achievement are encouraged to apply. LSAT scores must also be competitive with the applicant pool. For a list of the specific requirements that apply to students from each of our partner schools, please see the appropriate tab at the bottom of this page.
How to Apply?

In addition to satisfying the requirements listed under the relevant tab below, ALAP applicants (like all law school applicants) must take the LSAT exam as part of their application.

Submit an application to Pitt Law prior to April 1st of an applicant’s junior year.

Schedule an Interview with the Office of Admissions at Pitt Law.

- Students must have completed 102 credits within the College of Arts and Sciences by the end of their junior year.
- Students considering the ALAP program must declare their majors at the end of their first year of undergraduate study - in order to complete the requirements within their major by the end of three years.
- Students must complete three (rather than two) designated writing courses beyond the freshman writing requirement.
- The College of Arts and Sciences requirement of completion of 12 credits in a “related area” will be waived for ALAP participants.
- Potential applicants are encouraged to consider summer coursework during their second year of study to help reduce the number of credits needed in the third year of undergraduate study.
- Students admitted to the ALAP program will officially complete their Bachelor’s Degree after completing their first year of Law School.
INFORMATION ON THE WEB

www.lawpreview.com
www.lawcornell.edu
www.supremecourtus.gov
www.abanet.org/
www.lsat.com/(LSAT-Online Prep course)
www.LSAC.org
### Placement Record Acceptances

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From 1998 – 2018: W&J students have been accepted at an acceptance rate of approximately 90% as compared to a National acceptance rate of 67%.
The quality and geographical distribution of law schools gives the Pre-Law Program a national reputation. Here are the law schools accepting W&J students in the last 12 years (multiple acceptances):

- Akron, University of
- Alabama, University of
- Albany School of Law
- American University
- Arizona State
- Arizona, University of
- Ave Maria University
- Baltimore, University of
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Baylor University
- California-Davis, University of
- California, University of Southern
- California Western School of Law
- Capital University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University
- Chicago – Kent University
- Cincinnati, University of
- Cleveland Marshall School of Law
- Connecticut, University of
- Cornell University
- Dayton, University
- Denver, University of
- DePaul University College of Law
- Denver University
- Duke University
• Duquesne University
• Emory University
• Florida, University of
• Fordham University
• Franklin Pierce School of Law
• George Mason University
• George Washington University
• Georgetown University
• Georgia, University of
• Golden Gate University
• Hofstra University
• Houston, University of
• Illinois, University of
• Indiana University

• Kentucky, University of
• Louisville, University of
• Loyola of Chicago
• Loyola of New Orleans
• Maine University
• Maryland, University of
• Michigan State University
• Miami, University of
• Minnesota, University of
• Nebraska, University of
• New England School of Law
• New York Law School
• New York University School of Law
• North Carolina, University of
• Northern Illinois University
• Northwestern University
• Notre Dame, University of
• Nova Southeastern University
• Ohio Northern University
• Ohio State University
• Pace University
• Penn-State Dickinson
• Pennsylvania, University of
• Pittsburgh, University of
• Quinnipiac University
• Richmond, University of
• Roger Williams School of Law
• Rutgers University
• San Diego, University of
• Santa Clara University
• Seattle University
• Seton Hall University School of Law
• South Texas School of Law
• Southern Methodist University
• Southwestern University at Los Angeles
• St. John’s University
• St. Louis University
• St. Mary’s School of Law
• St. Thomas University
LAW SCHOOLS CONTINUED

- State University of New York-Buffalo
- Stetson University
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Tennessee, University of
- Texas, University of
- Texas Tech University
- Texas Wesleyan
- Thomas Cooley School of Law
- Toledo, University of
- Touro University
- Valparaiso University
- Vanderbilt University
- Vermont School of Law
- Villanova School of Law
- Virginia, University of
- Wake Forest University
- Washington and Lee University
- Wayne State University
- Western New England
- West Virginia University
- Widener University School of Law
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Pre-Law Society at Annual Luncheon
Congresswoman Melissa Hart with Jon Stehle ’04 (center), Business Director of The Performa Group and City of Fairfax Councilman
Eric Holder (left), the 82nd Attorney General of the United States from 2009 to 2015, with Dr. Joseph DiSarro (right) at The United States Department of Justice.
Kevin A. Ohlson ’82 (left; former Chief of Staff & Counselor to United States Attorney General Eric Holder; and Judge William L. Thomas ’91 (right, Miami, FL Criminal Courts). President Barack Obama announced the appointment of Kevin A. Ohlson to United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and of William L. Thomas to the Federal District Court (Southern District of Florida).
Dr. DiSarro teaching a pre-law class on campus
Dr. DiSarro & Pre-Law Society Meeting with Justice Sonia Sotomayer, United States Supreme Court
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