



Pre-Law

The Pre-Law program advises students interested in the legal profession, and helps prepare students for admission to law school. From 1998–2018, W&J students were accepted to law schools at a rate of approximately 90%, as compared to a national acceptance rate of 67%.

Although no specific courses are required for pre-law students and such students may major in any subject they choose, students in the following program are encouraged to take courses including, but not limited to: Principles of Accounting I & II; Advanced Composition; American Literature; and various courses in economics, history and political science. The Pre-Law program is associated with the Department of Political Science. Pre-Law advisors Dr. Buba Misawa and Dr. Joseph DiSarro offer guidance in choosing appropriate courses, taking the LSATs, visiting law schools, and preparing law school applications.

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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

Suggested Requirements

- Maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 3.2
- Attend meetings and lectures sponsored by the Pre-Law Society
- Prepare for the LSAT examination: consider taking a LSAT prep course or use online free materials such as, the LSAC Khan Academy
- Apply to a minimum of five law schools
- Visit law schools
- Participate in college activities
- Meet with the Pre-Law Advisor on a regular basis

A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.

Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Research and Internships

- Federal and State Legislatures
- Federal, State and County Courthouses
- Law Offices
- Political Parties/Campaigns
- Federal/State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Careers

- Attorney: Private/Corporate Practice/Public Interest/Non-Profit General Counsel
- Political Campaign Manager/Election Analyst
- Academia/Educational Administration
- Public Service/FBI/Foreign Service Officer
- Judge Advocate General Corps

Successful Alumni

- State Supreme Court Justices
- Federal/State Judges
- Federal and State Legislators
- High Ranking Military Lawyers/Judges
- Attorneys: Corporate/Private Practice/Public