

PRE-LAW ADVISING

Pre-Law Course List



Pre-law is not a major or a minor — it's a **career direction**. If you're thinking about law school, it may be helpful to take some of these classes, but keep in mind that law schools do not require applicants to have any particular major, and there are no prerequisite classes for law school.

Below are University of Minnesota courses that may be useful in exploring the legal field, and preparing for law school. This list is not meant to be comprehensive, and not all courses are offered each semester. If you know of a course that should be added to this list, please email pladv@umn.edu.

Pre-Law Advising is offered for all students and alumni at the University of Minnesota. For more information, check out prelaw.umn.edu

BUILDING SKILLS REQUIRED IN LAW SCHOOL

ABUS 4106 *Scandals versus Best Practices: Business Ethics in the Real World*

ANTH 1003W *Understanding Cultures*

COMM 1101 *Introduction to Public Speaking*

COMM 3451W *Intercultural*

Communication: Theory and Practice

COMM 3605W *Persuasive Speaking and Speech Writing*

ECON 1101 *Principles of Microeconomics*

PSY 1001 *Introduction to Psychology*

SOC 1001 *Introduction to Sociology*

PHIL 1003W *Introduction to Ethics*

ECON 1102 *Principles of Macroeconomics*

ENGL 3027W *The Essay*

HIST 1302W *Global America: U.S. History since 1865*

PA 1401 *Public Affairs: Community Organizing Skills for Public Action*

PHIL 1001 *Introduction to Logic*

STAT 3011 *Introduction to Statistical Analysis*

LEGAL TOPICS

AMIN 4501 *Law, Sovereignty, and Treaty Rights*

GEOG 5361 *Geography and Real Estate*

SMGT 3861 *Sport and Recreation Law*

HIST 3020 *Hands on History*

HIST 3822 *Making America Modern: 1945 to Present*

JOUR 3007 *The Media in American History and Law: Case Studies*

JOUR 3775 *Administrative Law and Regulation for Strategic Communication*

JOUR 3776 *Mass Communication Law*

LAW 3000 *Introduction to American Law*

LAW 3050 *Law of Business Organization*

LAW 3064 *Law, Business, & Human Rights*

LAW 3084 *Resolving Disputes out of Court*

BLAW 3059 *Real Estate Law*

BLAW 3061 *Business Law Basics*

BLAW 3062 *Contract Law and Corporate Regulation*

OUE 3205 *Law School Exploration*

PA 3972 *Elections and the Law*

PA 3001 *Changing the World: Contemporary Public Policy*

PHIL 3302W *Moral Problems of Contemporary Society*

PHIL 3304 *Law & Morality*

PHIL 4321W *Theories of Justice*

PHIL 5415 *Philosophy of Law*

PHIL 3305 *Medical Ethics*

SOC 4101W *Sociology of Law*

WRIT 4431W *Science, Technology, & Law*

LAW 5603 *Intellectual Property Survey*

[All LAW courses available to undergrads](#)

POLICY AND POLITICS

AFRO 3426 *African Americans, Social Policy, and the Welfare State*

AMIN 3501 *American Indian Tribal Governments and Politics*

CHIC 3852 *Chicana/o Politics*

PHIL 1004W *Introduction to Political Philosophy*

GEOG 3361W *Geography and Public Policy*

GWSS 3003 *Gender and Global Politics*

POL 1001 *American Democracy in a Changing World*

POL 3309 *Justice in America*

POL 3319 *Education and the American Dream*

POL 3321 *Issues in American Public Policy*

POL 4502W *The Supreme Court, Civil Liberties, and Civil Rights*

PA 5421 *Racial Inequality and Public Policy*

PHIL 4414 *Political Philosophy*

ENVIRONMENT

AMIN 3312 *American Indian Environmental Issues and Ecological Perspectives*

EEB 3001 *Ecology and Society*

ESPM 1011 *Issues in the Environment*

ESPM 3241W *Natural Resource and Environment*

ESPM 3271 *Env. Policy, Law & Human Behavior*

ESPM 4256 *Natural Resource Law and the Management of Public Lands and Waters (odd spring semesters)*

SOC 4305 *Environment & Society: An Enduring Conflict*

PHIL 3301 *Environmental Ethics*

SUST 3003 *Sustainable People, Sustainable Planet*

LAW ACROSS COMMUNITIES

POL 4335 *African American Politics*

AFRO 3432 *Modern Africa in a Changing World*

AMIN 3301 *American Indian Philosophies*

AMIN 3409 *American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives*

AMST 1012 *Migrants, Refugees, Citizens, and Exiles*

AMST 2031 *Chasing the American Dream: Economic Opportunity & Inequality in the US*

CHIC 3771 *Latino Social Power and Social Movements in the U.S.*

CHIC 3888 *Immigration and the U.S. Latina/o Experience: Diaspora, Identity, and Community*

GWSS 3102W *Feminist Thought and Theory*

GWSS 4002 *Politics of Engagement and Social Justice*

SOC 3251W *Sociological Perspective on Race, Class, and Gender*

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

GLOS 5403 *Human Rights Advocacy*

GLOS 3401 *International Human Rights Law (Fall)*

SW 2501W *Introduction to Social Justice*

SW 3501 *Theories and Practices of Social Change Organizing*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SOC 4104 *Crime and Human Rights*

SOC 4106 *Crime on TV*

SOC 1101 *Law, Crime, & Punishment*

SOC 3101 *Sociological Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System*

SOC 3102 *Criminal Behavior and Social Control*

SOC 4162 *Criminal Procedure in American Society*