

Pre-legal Training

The objective of pre-legal training is to provide students with the necessary general education to enable them to undertake professional study and to take their place ultimately in society as members of a learned profession. This objective can be met only through pre-legal study pursued diligently in order to acquire a general education of excellent quality. The faculty of the LSU Law Center does not require, nor does it recommend a particular undergraduate major. It also does not recommend that a prospective student pursue a "pre-law" or "pre-professional" program of general studies.

Nevertheless, the following guidelines are issued to assist those students contemplating enrollment at the LSU Law Center:

- It is normally better for a student to master one or two fields in depth (as in the traditional major/minor approach) than to concentrate in lower level survey courses.
- It is important that a student undertake studies that involve substantial writing and research components.
- It is advisable that a student undertake course work that emphasizes logic, analysis and the thought process.
- It is normally not advisable to take any undergraduate law courses. While they may be of some value in indicating what the substantive rules are, they also run the risk of giving erroneous indications about the nature of law, law school methods, and coverage.

For additional information, see the current Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools, published by the Law School Admission Council/Law School Admission Services. This book includes material on the law and lawyers, pre-law preparation, applying to law schools, and the study of Law, together with individualized information on most American law schools. It may be obtained at college bookstores or ordered from Law School Admission Council, Newtown, Pennsylvania 18940 or accessed on the Internet at www.lsac.org.

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