

PRE-LAW

Pre-Law at Baylor University is not a major, but instead consists of two academic designations, 'Pre-Law' and 'Pre-Law Interest.' There are no course prerequisites for attending law school. Rather, experts recommend that Pre-Law students maximize their education by taking the most rigorous and demanding classes possible. Students planning to attend law school should select a major that reflects their interests and aptitude. Pre-Law students thrive in many of Baylor's diverse academic programs but should carefully choose courses that will prepare them for law school success. A well-rounded Pre-Law curriculum will include courses that require substantial writing, under close scrutiny, the development of analytical reasoning skills, reading comprehension and oral expression, and courses relevant to a student's specific legal interests. Pre-Law students may want to consider adding a minor in Legal Reasoning and Analysis (see College of Arts & Sciences-Multidisciplinary Programs). Although not required for law school, this minor is designed to ensure optimal preparation for the academic rigors of law school.

Baylor Pre-Law helps students navigate this interdisciplinary preparation. The function of the Pre-Law program is to help students from all academic majors to explore the possibility of attending law school, move through the application process, and prepare for success in law school, and the legal profession. One-on-one professional advising is available to help Pre-Law students begin to prepare for law school. All designated students have access to the program's resources from the time they enter as freshmen. Regular workshops and speakers, connections with lawyer-alumni, and internship opportunities enable Pre-Law students to gain a realistic understanding of the legal profession, and to begin to develop the skills they need to succeed as future lawyers.

All students may add the 'Pre-Law' designation prior to the completion of 24 residential credit hours, at Baylor. Following the completion of the required 24 credit hours, students must hold, and maintain, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2. Those who do not meet this minimum GPA requirement cannot add, or retain, the Pre-Law designation beyond the completion of those initial 24 credit hours. However, they may choose the alternative 'Pre-Law Interest' designation, which does not require a minimum GPA and can be added at any stage of a student's undergraduate studies, regardless of their cumulative GPA. Exceptions are made only in rare circumstances, and at the discretion of the Pre-Law Program Manager.

Students should note that regardless of their designation as either 'Pre-Law' or 'Pre-Law Interest,' they will have full access to the services and resources of the Pre-Law program. However, students who do not meet the academic requirements are encouraged to meet with the Pre-Law Program Manager to discuss their goals and how to improve their academic performance. The minimum GPA required for the 'Pre-Law' designation (3.2) will be assessed at the conclusion of each spring semester, allowing students who fall below the requirement at the end of the fall semester to retain the designation until the end of the spring, allowing them the chance to bring their cumulative GPA back up to the required 3.2.

More information about the services Baylor Pre-Law offers can be found at <http://www.baylor.edu/prelaw> (<http://www.baylor.edu/prelaw/>) or by contacting the Pre-Law Manager.

The adoption of either the 'Pre-Law' or 'Pre-Law Interest' designations does not restrict a student's career options in any way and as such, all students who are considering careers in the legal profession should

add the full Pre-Law designation to their student records upon arriving at Baylor. Adding either the 'Pre-Law' or 'Pre-Law Interest' designations gives students access to Baylor Pre-Law emails and events and other Baylor Pre-Law resources. Students wishing to add or delete the Pre-Law designation on their student records should contact the Pre-Law Program Manager, or their academic advisor.

The Legal Reasoning and Analysis (LRA) minor is ideal for students interested in preparing for the Pre-Law track. It provides a solid foundation for legal education and exposes students to the type of reasoning that law students and lawyers use. It also includes the core skills and values that the American Bar Association recommends for success in law school and the legal profession.

Students who are not Pre-Law may choose to minor in LRA to understand how law and reasoning affect their chosen major or field of study. However, if chosen for Pre-Law preparation, the LRA minor also prepares students for academic success on the LSAT.

Courses include Critical thinking, Argumentative and Persuasive Writing, Contemporary Ethical Theory, Law and Economics, and Economics of Poverty & Discrimination.

Requirements for a Minor in Legal Reasoning and Analysis

Code	Title	Hours
Eighteen semester hours, nine of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, including the following:		
Required Courses		
<i>Logic</i>		
PHI 1306	Logic	3
or PHI 1307	Critical Thinking	
or PHI 4345	Intermediate Logic	
<i>Analytical Reasoning</i>		
Select three semester hours from the following:		3
ACC 2301	Survey of Accounting	
ECO 1305	Issues in Economics for Non-Business Majors	
ECO 1380	Introduction to Economic Analysis and Policy	
ECO 2306	Principles of Microeconomics	
PSY 2402	Statistics	
STA 1380	Elementary Statistics	
STA 2381	Introductory Statistical Methods	
STA 3381	Probability and Statistics	
SOC 3402	Social Statistics	
<i>Areas of Study</i>		
Twelve semester hours from the following categories. Courses must be taken from four of the six areas of study below:		12
Background Knowledge and Exposure to Law (https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/academic-departments/pre-professional-programs/pre-law/legal-reasoning-analysis-minor/#lratlaw)		
Commitment to Justice (https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/academic-departments/pre-professional-programs/pre-law/legal-reasoning-analysis-minor/#lratjus)		

Critical Reasoning and Problem Solving (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/academic-departments/pre-professional-programs/pre-law/legal-reasoning-analysis-minor/#lracatcri>)

Oral Communication (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/academic-departments/pre-professional-programs/pre-law/legal-reasoning-analysis-minor/#lracatcom>)

Research (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/academic-departments/pre-professional-programs/pre-law/legal-reasoning-analysis-minor/#lracatr>)

Writing and Editing (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/academic-departments/pre-professional-programs/pre-law/legal-reasoning-analysis-minor/#lracatwri>)

Additional Requirements

A grade of C is required for all courses in the minor.

Note: Business classes are not generally available for non-business majors.

Total Hours

18

Areas of Study

Background Knowledge & Exposure to Law

Code	Title	Hours
AVS 3310	Aviation Law	
BL 3305	Legal Environment of Business	
BL 4303	Employment Law	
BL 4310	Cyberlaw	
BL 4320	International Business Law	
ECO 4318	Law and Economics	
ENGL 4333	Literature and Law	
ENV 4307	Environmental Law	
FORS 3340	Expert Witness Testimony	
HIS 3373	American Revolution and Constitution	
HIS 4375	The American Civil Rights Movement	
JOU 4380	Law and Ethics of Journalism	
NSC 3381	Neuroscience and the Law	
PHI 3318	Philosophy and Constitutional Issues	
PHI 4318	Philosophy of Law	
PSC 2303	Criminal Justice and Community Law Enforcement	
PSC 3321	Criminal Law	
PSC 3339	Law and Religion in the United States	
PSC 3353	American Political Thought	
PSC 3372	Law, Justice and the Community	
PSC 3392	Washington Internship	
PSC 4305	International Law	
PSC 4321	Administrative Law	
PSC 4342	Public Policy and the Courts	
PSC 4361	American Constitutional Law	
PSC 4375	International Organization	
PSC 4381	American Constitutional Law	
PSC 4383	Contemporary Political Thought	
PSY 3380	Forensic Psychology	

SOC 3360 Juvenile Delinquency

SOC 4335 Sociology of Law

SOC 4352 Criminology

Commitment to Justice

Code	Title	Hours
ANT 4311	World Food Problems	
ANT 4321	Climate Anthropology	
CFS 4357	Child and Family Policy and Advocacy	
ECO 3355		
ENGL 4311	The U.S. Through Immigrant Eyes	
ENGL 4334	Literature, Medicine, & Public Health	
HIS 4375	The American Civil Rights Movement	
PHI 3301	Moral Philosophy	
PPS 4304	Nonprofits, the Social Sector, & Philanthropic Innovation	
PPS 4310	Philanthropy, Civil Society, & the Public Good	
PWR 2382	Writing for a Better World	
PWR 4311	Writing for Social Change	
REL 3390	Christian Ethics	
REL 3394	War and Peace in the Christian Tradition	
REL 4389	Disability Ethics	
REL 4393	Environmental Ethics	
REL 4395	Bioethics	
REL 4397	Race, Racism, and Religion in America	
SOC 3311	The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 4309	Social Psychology	
SOC 4322	Stratification in Society	
SOC 4360	Social Problems in Modern Society	
SWO 4315	Foundations for Social Justice	
SWO 4317	Human Trafficking	

Critical Reasoning & Problem Solving

Code	Title	Hours
ANT 4305	Anthropological Theory	
CLA 2306	Greek and Roman Mythology	
CLA 3301	Roman Republic	
CLA 3302	Greek History and Civilization	
CSI 1401	Introduction to Programming I	
CSS 4310	Politics and Communication	
CSS 4394	Rhetorical Theory	
ECO 4317		
ECO 4319	Game Theory	
ENG 3371	History of Critical Theory	
ENG 4384	Contemporary Critical Theory	
ENGL 4350	How We Read: Understanding Narrative Forms	
ENGL 4381	Theory and Practice of Satire from the Classical Period to the Present	
ENV 2376	Environment and Society	
ENV 3300	The Environment and Political Processes	
GTX 4351	Confession and Autobiography	
LING 4302	Semantics and Pragmatics	

PHI 4311	Epistemology
PHI 4342	Contemporary American Philosophy
PHI 4345	Intermediate Logic
PHI 4353	Philosophy of Language
PHI 4360	Contemporary Ethical Theory
PHI 4361	Social Philosophy
PPS 4302	Civic & Community Innovation
PSC 3363	Classical Political Philosophy
PSC 3373	Western Political Thought: Modern
PSC 4365	International Political Economics
PSC 4373	Special Topics in Political Philosophy
PSC 4395	Terrorism
REL 4395	Bioethics
SOC 4391	Social Theory

Oral Communication

Code	Title	Hours
CSS 1304	Argumentation, Discussion, and Debate	
CSS 3302	Introduction to Rhetorical Theory and Criticism	
CSS 3305	Advanced Public Speaking	
CSS 3306	Interviewing	
CSS 3307	Legal Communication	
CSS 3316	Persuasion and Communication	
HIS 2V89	Introduction to Model Organization of American States	
HIS 4V89	Advanced Model Organization of American States	
BUS 3303	Managerial Communications	
MKT 3310	Professional Selling and Communications	
MGT 4320	Negotiating and Conflict Resolution	
PSC 3311	Moot Court	
PSC 3375	Model United Nations	
Any 3000-4000 level course in ARB, CHI, FRE, GER, GRK, ITA, JPN, LAT, SPA, RUS		

Research

Code	Title	Hours
ANT 4362	Applied Anthropology	
ENV 3303	Directed Reading in Environmental Studies	
HIS 4348	Readings in European History	
HIS 4366	American Legal History to 1877	
HIS 4398	Readings in American History	
LAS 4390	Advanced Reading and Research in Latin American Studies	
LING 4V20	Independent Study in Linguistics	
PHI 4V99	Special Topics in Philosophy	
PSC 2301	Research Writing: Political Science Methods	
PSC 4390	Reading Course in Political Science	
SOC 4303	Applied Sociology	
SOC 4381	Methods of Social Research	
SOC 4V70	Special Topics in Sociology	

Writing & Editing

Code	Title	Hours
BUS 3315	Business Communications	
ENG 3302	Modern English Grammar	
ENG 3305	Sociolinguistics	
ENG 3310	Introduction to Linguistics	
JOU 3325	Editing	
JOU 3372	Writing for Media Markets	
PHI 4319	Philosophical Writing, Research and Oral Presentation	
PWR 3303	Persuasive and Argumentative Writing	
PWR 3326	Studies in Public and Civic Writing	
PWR 4309	Undergraduate Research and Publication	
PWR 4311	Writing for Social Change	
PWR 4375	Special Topics Lecture in Writing and Rhetoric	
PWR 4377	Writing Internship	
Any 3000-4000 level course in ARB, CHI, FRE, GER, GRK, ITA, JPN, LAT, SPA, RUS		