

Suggested Pre-Law Classes

at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Pre-law is not a major or a minor—it's a career direction. Some departments, such as Political Science and Sociology, offer many law-related classes. 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.

To help make yourself an appealing law school candidate, consider taking a broad range of courses. Below are University of Minnesota classes that may be useful preparation. This list is not meant to be comprehensive.

WRITING AND SPEAKING SKILLS:

COMM 1101 Introduction to Public Speaking

COMM 1313 Analysis of Argument

COMM 3451W Intercultural Communication:
Theory and Practice

COMM 3605W Persuasive Speaking and
Speech Writing

ENGL 3027W The Essay

TH 1101 Introduction to the Theatre

TH 1321 Beginning Acting: Fundamentals
of Performance

WRIT 1301 University Writing

WRIT 1401 Writing and Academic Inquiry

PROBLEM-SOLVING and ANALYTICAL SKILLS:

ACCT 2050 Introduction to Financial Reporting

OMS 2550 Business Statistics: Data Sources,
Presentation & Analysis

ECON 1101 Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 1102 Principles of Macroeconomics

PHIL 1001 Introduction to Logic

PHIL 1003W Introduction to Ethics

PHIL 1005 Scientific Reasoning

PHIL 3301 Environmental Ethics

PHIL 3307/3308 Social Justice and
Community Service

PSY 2801 Introduction to Psychological
Measurement and Data Analysis

SOC 3811 Basic Social Statistics

STAT 1001 Introduction to the Ideas of Statistics

STAT 3011 Introduction to Statistical Analysis

UNDERSTANDING HUMAN BEHAVIOR:

ANTH 1003W Understanding Cultures

HIST 1301W U.S. History to 1877

HIST 1302W U.S. History, From 1865 to present

PHIL 1006W Philosophy & Cultural Diversity

PSY 1001 Introduction to Psychology

PSY 3201 Introduction to Social Psychology

SOC 1001 Introduction to Sociology

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

SOC 3322W Social Movements, Protests,
and Change

LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

PA 1961W Personal Leadership in the University

PA 3961W Leadership, You, and Your Community

Consider minoring in Leadership. To learn about this minor, see www.umn.edu/lead/minor

TOPICS RELATED TO LAW:

ESPM 3003/GLOS 3303 Sustainable People,
Sustainable Planet

HIST 3809 The Peoples of Revolutionary America

HIST 3834 Law in American Life, Colonial Era to
Civil War

HIST 3835 Law in American Life: 1865 to Present

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TOPICS RELATED TO LAW, continued:

HIST 4337 Bill of Rights and the Supreme Court Since 1865
PHIL 1004W Introduction to Political Philosophy
PHIL 3304 Law and Morality
PHIL 4321W Theories of Justice
POL 1001 American Democracy in a Changing World
POL 3225 American Political Thought
POL 3308 Congressional Politics and Institutions
POL 3309 Justice in America
POL 4403W Comparative Constitutionalism
POL 4501W The Supreme Court and Constitutional Interpretation
POL 4810 Topics in International Politics and Foreign Policy

SOC 3101 Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System
SOC 3102 Introduction to Criminal Behavior and Social Control
SOC 4101W Sociology of Law
SOC 4105 Sociology of Punishment and Corrections
SOC 4111 Deviant Behavior
SOC 4125 Policing American Society
SOC 4142 Juvenile Justice and Law
SOC 4149 Killing
SOC 4161 Criminal Law in American Society
SOC 4162 Criminal Procedure in American Society
SOC 4175 Law, Politics, and Inequality
SW 3501 Theories and Practices of Social Change Organizing

DIVERSITY AND THE LAW:

AFRO 3426 African Americans, Social Policy, and the Welfare State
AFRO 3866 The Civil Rights and Black Power Movement, 1954-1984
AFRO 4231/AMIN 4231/CHIC 4231 The Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, and Chicanos in the U.S.
AMIN 3501 American Indian Tribal Governments and Politics
AMIN 4501 Law, Sovereignty, and Treaty Rights
AMIN 4525W/POL 4525W Federal Indian Policy

CHIC 3310 Chicanas/os and the Law
CHIC 3374 Migrant Farmworkers in the U.S.: Families, Work, and Advocacy
CHIC 3771 Latino Social Power and Social Movements in the U.S.
ESPM 3001 Treaty Rights and Natural Resources
GLBT 3301/SW 3301 GLBT Social Movements
GWSS 3004W Point/Counterpoint: Contemporary Feminist Debates
GWSS 3503 Women and the Law
HIST 3349 U.S. Women's Legal History

SOCIAL JUSTICE / HUMAN RIGHTS TOPICS RELATED TO LAW:

GLOS 1112 Globalization and Social Justice
GLOS 3144 Knowledge, Power, and the Politics of Representation in Global Studies
GLOS 3401 International Human Rights Law
GLOS 3402 Human Rights Internship
GLOS 4406 Sociology of International Law
GWSS 3590 Topics: Social Change, Activism, Law, and Policy Studies

PA 4414 Child Labor
PA 4421 Racial Inequality and Public Policy
PHIL 3311W Introduction to Ethical Theory
SOC 4170 Sociology of International Law
SW 2501W Introduction to Social Justice
SW 3701 Introduction to Child Maltreatment and Family Violence

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