



Pre-Law Advising

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Recommendations for Pre-Law Students

- **Your first step is to attend the FIU Pre-Law Workshops/Seminars (for details, visit www.prelaw.fiu.edu/events).**
- You should choose a major that you anticipate will lead to academic excellence (pre-law is not a major). Law schools accept students from different disciplines.
- Indicate that you are an FIU Pre-Law Student by going to your FIU Account, click "Pre-Professional Interest" on the scroll down menu, click "Pre-Law" on the new scroll down menu, and then click "Add."
- Prepare for great letters of recommendation by earning excellent grades and being well-known by your professors by participating in class and office hours.
- Become active in community service, without jeopardizing grades.

Recommended Pre-requisites

*There are *NO* pre-requisites for law school. The following are *RECOMMENDED*:

- POS 2042 American Government
 - SPC 2608 Public Speaking
 - PHI 2100 Intro to Logic
 - Advanced Writing courses

*Meet with your Assigned Advisor before registering for these courses to ensure they fit into your bachelor's program.

Certificate in Pre-Law Skills and Professional Values

- This Certificate helps develop the knowledge and skills Pre-Law Students need to be competitive in law school and the legal profession.
- For details on the requirements and the application process, visit www.prelaw.fiu.edu/pre-law-certificate.



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- Meet with your Assigned Advisor before applying for this Certificate to ensure that the requirements fit into your bachelor's program. This Certificate is *NOT* required for admittance into law school.

LSAT

- The ideal time to take the LSAT is in June the *year before* you plan to begin law school.
- Plan to study for the LSAT for 10-12 months.
- It is encouraged to matriculate in a commercial LSAT prep course to help you earn the best score possible on the LSAT since it is *HIGHLY* relied upon in your admittance to law school.

GPA Calculation

- Law schools will receive an *Overall* GPA based on *ALL* your grades earned from the undergraduate colleges/universities you attended.
- "Grade forgiveness" policies are not used in calculating your GPA for law schools.
- DR (drops) do not count in calculating your GPA. However, try avoiding several DR grades since law schools expect students to carry a consistent, full-time course load.

Admittance to Law Schools

- Law Schools *HIGHLY* rely upon the LSAT score and GPA.
- Requirements for law schools vary greatly. Thus, learn about the requirements of desired law schools.
- Visit www.LSAC.org to learn about the application process and the requirements of Accredited Law Schools.
- Discuss your goals and academic standing with a Pre-Law Advisor to help guide your choice of law schools.