

Pre-Law

At UW-Eau Claire

UW-Eau Claire's pre-professional study programs prepare you to transfer to another institution for the completion of a professional degree or prepare you for graduate study after obtaining a bachelor's degree. Pre-law is not a major; you will need to declare a major at UW-Eau Claire. Because the specific requirements of professional schools vary considerably, you should obtain current catalogues from the schools in which you are interested. A pre-professional adviser at UW-Eau Claire will then help you plan an appropriate curriculum.

Pre-law program

The UW-Eau Claire pre-law program is not a major; instead it includes a selection of courses that will satisfy the general education requirements at UW-Eau Claire and prepare you for the law school admissions test and law school. A career in law requires a bachelor's degree in a major of your choice, followed by a three-year program in law school. Students declare the pre-law designation with the political science department chair so that they can be assigned to a pre-law adviser.

Choosing a major to complement pre-law

You should choose a major and minor of interest to you and also keep an alternative career plan in mind. You may wish to consider the comprehensive political science major with legal studies emphasis or the topical pre-law minor. Your pre-law adviser will help you choose an appropriate major and minor once you have sampled a variety of courses from different departments.

Placement into professional programs

UW-Eau Claire graduates fare very well in seeking admission into law school. Each year UW-Eau Claire places several students into law school at UW-Madison. In addition, graduates regularly attend the University of



Minnesota, Hamline University, William Mitchell and Marquette. Other recent graduates have attended Indiana University, Boston University, Chicago-Kent, Drake, Northwestern, Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois.

Faculty advisers

Each pre-law student is assigned a faculty adviser from the political science department. Advisers provide individualized attention to students and are available to answer questions about law programs, courses and other concerns. They also have up-to-date information on the admission requirements of regional law schools.

Competitive edge

The high quality of the UW-Eau Claire's liberal arts education provides students with a cultural awareness and breadth of knowledge that graduate and professional schools find desirable. In addition, all of our classes are taught by faculty, not TA's (graduate students) and you'll find personal attention from faculty is simply part of your degree.

Get connected

There are several student organizations for students interested in pre-law, such as Pi Sigma Alpha, Model United Nations Club, Pre-Law Club, The Society of Politics, etc. Membership will help educate you on aspects of the legal profession, introduce you to other students who share your interest in law, and make regional and national political and legal connections.

Suggested freshman curriculum

Students who plan to pursue a degree in law should take additional courses to improve writing skills, reading comprehension and analytical reasoning. These skills are most important for success in the pre-law program.

University writing requirement — depending on placement exam.

For test-out options, see uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout.

Principles in Microeconomics
American National Politics
Math competency course
Advanced College Writing
Principles in Macroeconomics
Natural science general education elective
Logic I
United States History to 1877



"Political Science complements my creative and analytical skills; by challenging me to go beyond my limits, I have grown as a potential law student, and a person."

— Audrey

note:

Pre-law is NOT a major. Pre-law advisers are here to assist you with all of these steps and ensure you are on the right track for success in law school. Students can major in anything and also do Pre-law. To get into law school, students will need to take the LSAT, have good GPA, and also get letters of recommendations.

Karl Andresen Scholarship

The Karl Andresen Scholarship is given to a senior planning to attend graduate school or law school. Students that meet the initial criteria for the award will be invited to submit a written statement in January and the award is given out at the Honors banquet in spring semester. The amount of the award varies from year to year, but recent awards have been around \$2,500.

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