

PRE-LAW PROGRAM

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Are you considering a career in law? The nation's top law schools seek applicants who have received a well-rounded undergraduate education, one like the liberal arts and sciences curriculum Christopher Newport University offers. Regardless of your undergraduate field of study, our Pre-Law Program will help prepare you for law school.

Like most colleges and universities, CNU does not offer a *pre-law* major. However, our liberal learning curriculum can help students from any academic major to prepare for application to law school. In addition to offering all the necessary pre-requisite coursework, CNU offers a variety of resources, such as academic and career advising, mentoring, internship opportunities, workshops, and seminars, to help any highly-motivated student gain admission to the law school of her or his choice.

How to Get Started

We suggest that you do the following as soon as you think you might be interested in pre-law preparation at CNU:

1. Consult our web page at cnu.edu/academics/prelaw for more detailed information about the program, professional school requirements, curriculum guidelines, etc.;
2. Meet with the pre-law adviser about the various aspects of the legal profession that may interest you; and
3. It is also wise to experience various legal careers first-hand by volunteering at local courts, law offices, etc., and by shadowing practitioners in the various fields of interest to you.

Suggested Courses

While no specific courses are required for law school admission, courses that require you to write extensively, think critically, and analyze information from multiple disciplines are helpful toward preparing for the rigors of law school. Both the constitutional studies concentration in the American studies major and/or the philosophy of law minor offer courses particularly relevant to such preparation.

Students who wish to have coursework that focuses on legal issues should consider taking some of the following courses:

AMST 120	Encounters with the Constitution
AMST 330	Treason in America
AMST 335	WI: Moot Court
AMST 350	Sex, Law, and Society
BUSN 351	Business Law I
COMM 305	The First Amendment, Culture, and Communication
HIST 342	American Environmental History
HIST 354	The American Revolution and Early Republic, 1775-1820
HONR 323	Civil Liberties in Wartime
HONR 350	Seminars in Formal and Informal Reasoning
PHIL 205*	The Anatomy of Thought
PHIL 321	WI: Legal Reasoning
PHIL 337	Radical Evil and the Philosophy of Law
POLS 240	The Supreme Court in American Politics
POLS 307	Civil Liberties
POLS 316	Constitutional Law
POLS 363	The Judicial Process

*Students preparing for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) should consider taking PHIL 205 as part of their preparation.