

# DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

## PRE-LAW PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Accredited law schools have not, in general, adopted specific requirements for pre-law courses. However, in most cases, courses of value to those planning the study of law include: history, economics, political science, philosophy, psychology, sociology, English composition, and literature, as well as courses in the natural sciences, mathematics, and accounting. A broad cultural background is of prime importance.

Rather than attempt to prescribe the specific contents of courses to be taken by pre-law students, Arkansas Tech University considers the individual intellectual interests of students of prime importance, encouraging development of the ability to read and comprehend accurately, rapidly, and thoroughly; to think logically; to analyze and weigh situations and materials; to speak and write clearly; and to develop a critical approach and mature study habits.

The pre-professional curriculum is not a major in itself. Pre-law students must declare a major for graduation selected from any degree currently offered at Arkansas Tech University. Among general electives in the chosen major, or in excess of the 120 hours required for graduation, **pre-law students are urged to take the courses listed below** to prepare them for the LSAT and law school.

Many pre-law students choose to major in [history](#) or [political science](#), and pre-law advisors are located in the Department of History and Political Science. Students should consult these listed pre-law advisors regardless of their chosen major, as these advisors specifically help students design a good pre-law curriculum.

### Recommended Curriculum in Pre-Law

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| BLAW 2033 Legal Environment of Business                               | PHIL 3103 Logic                                       |
| CJ 2043 Crime and Delinquency/SOC 2043 Crime and Delinquency          | POLS 2003 American Government                         |
| CJ 4023 Law and the Legal System                                      | POLS 3023 Judicial Process/CJ 3023 Judicial Process   |
| ENGL 3043 Literary Editing and Publishing                             | POLS 4043 American Constitutional Law                 |
| JOUR 4123 Laws of Communication                                       | PSY 2003 General Psychology                           |
| PHIL 3023 Ethics  | COMM 2003 Public Speaking                             |
| PHIL 3063 Modern Political Thought/POLS 3063 Modern Political Thought | COMM 2111 Debate Practicum-COMM 2121 Debate Practicum |
| HIST 4183 American Legal History                                      | COMM 4153 Persuasive Theory and Audience Analysis     |
|   | PHIL 3073 Philosophy of Law                           |