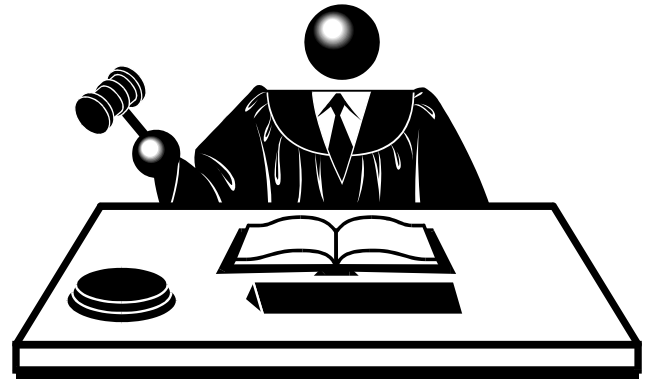


Charleston Southern University
PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM
PRE-LAW

Charleston Southern University offers students an opportunity to pursue pre-professional studies in the area of pre-law and then transfer to the professional school of their choice.



What is “Pre-Law”? “Pre-Law” refers to a student engaging in a course of study, including the selection of a major and a minor and the selection of elective courses, under the guidance of CSU’s pre-law advisor, all with an eye toward improving the student’s ability to perform well in law school and consequently, the likelihood of admission to the law school of the student’s choice.

Choice of Major and Minor “Pre-Law” is **not** a major. Law schools do not restrict admission to students holding bachelor degrees in any specific areas. Nonetheless, some majors are particularly well suited for future admission to law school, and academic accomplishments in these majors will be weighed more favorably by law school admissions officers than similar accomplishments in other majors. Several attractive majors are offered at Charleston Southern University:

English

Business Administration

Political Science

English is sometimes favored over the other two majors, provided that the upper-level course selection gravitates toward language and writing as opposed to literature analysis. Selection of a minor is less important, but obviously, a major/minor combination selected from the above areas will be especially attractive.

Course Selections Regardless of the choice of major and minor, the pre-law advisor will ultimately advise the pre-law student to make course selections from course offerings that particularly enhance a pre-law education. Freshmen advisors can assist future course selection by recommending certain courses that are “lower level (100/200)” and other courses that are prerequisites for future work.

Some of the recommended courses that are not otherwise required for the core are:

- Principles of Accounting (BUSI 211 & 212)**
- Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 211)**
- American History (HIST 211 & 212)**
- American National Government (POLI 201)**
- State & Local Government (POLI 202)**
- Public Speaking (COMM 110)**
- Argumentation & Debate (COMM 202)**
- Interpersonal Communication (COMM 310)**
- Adv Comp & Rhetoric (ENGL 333)**

Designation as “Pre-Law” “Pre-Law” students are encouraged to officially designate that they are working in this pre-professional program. This will allow the Office of Academic Advising to assign the student to the pre-law advisor as well as a faculty advisor in the student’s designated major. This designation can be added or deleted from the student’s advising information using the “Declaration of Major/Minor” form and can be turned in at the Office of Academic Advising, the Registrar’s Office or the Evening Program Office.

Taking the LSAT The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is not so much based on knowledge as it is on reasoning skills. This test should be taken in the student’s senior year of study. The test can be repeated but the first testing is weighed heaviest. For testing dates, pick up a registration and information book in Charleston Southern University’s Career Services Office.