PRE-LAW ADVISING PROGRAM

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- Kent Campus

Description

The Pre-Law Advising Program is a non-degree, pre-professional program that provides students with an opportunity to prepare for further training in law school after completing their undergraduate degree. Students take courses that prepare them for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and coursework in law school.

The College of Arts and Sciences offers advising non-degree programs for students who wish to pursue professional careers in a variety of fields, including medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, pharmacy and veterinary medicine. The curriculum in the pre-law program is designed to prepare students for advanced, professional study by providing a sound basis in philosophy, sociology/criminology, political science, and legal studies. Students who wish to pursue a law degree would be well advised to check carefully the admissions requirements of the professional law school they wish to enter. Students should also seek advice regularly from their faculty advisors.

Admission Requirements

Students must be admitted to a bachelor’s degree program in the university to declare this non-degree advising program. The purpose of the Pre-Law Program is to augment a student’s work in their declared major program.

Program Requirements

Pre-Professional Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

PROGRAM NOTES

It is recommended that students pursuing the Pre-Law program give strong consideration to the following courses in fulfillment of the Kent Core and/or college general requirements:

- In the humanities and fine arts category: COMM 15000, COMM 26000.
- In the social sciences category: CRIM 12000, CRIM 26704, POL 10100.

Students are strongly encouraged to consider prerequisites of advanced courses in the Pre-Law program as they select their Kent Core courses and/or college general requirements.

Pre-Professional Information

- Students must complete at least 21 upper-division (30000 or 40000 level) courses in the Pre-Law program at Kent State on a graded basis (A-F).
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the concentration must be taken at Kent State (in residence).