PRE-LAW - MINOR

Description
The Pre-Law minor provides a background for the study of law through challenging coursework that reinforces and extends the liberal arts foundation gained through the Kent Core. It prepares students for advanced analytical and writing dexterity, and introduces them to the social and governmental structures that underlie the law.

No specific course of study is required for admission to law school. Most law schools, including all in Ohio, require a bachelor's degree for admission. The bachelor's degree may be from any discipline or college at Kent State University.

Law schools emphasize the value of reading comprehension, analytical skills and a good command of written English. While these skills can be obtained in various ways, a general liberal arts background is recommended. Courses in English literature, American history and government are considered essential. Many pre-law students choose a major in political science, history, sociology, psychology, economics or English. A Bachelor of Integrative Studies is suitable if carefully planned.

Law schools vary considerably in their admission requirements. Most place major emphasis on the overall GPA and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score. Students usually take this test about one year before beginning law school, but it is highly recommended that students take the exam in June before their last year as an undergraduate.

Students considering law as a career should seek individual advising from the pre-law advisors in the Department of Political Science or in the students’ major department. A list of pre-law advisors is available in the college office. Consultation with a pre-law advisor is urged, regardless of the students’ major, minor or college. The Department of Political Science can also supply information on LSAT registration, pre-law planning guides, information on law school admissions and financial aid information. The department sponsors a pre-law club. Opportunities also exist for students to participate in mock trial and moot court activities as well as legal internships. The Department of Political Science and the Office of Continuing and Distance Education offer an LSAT Preparation Course before the June offering of the LSAT.

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• Kent Campus
• Stark Campus

Admission Requirements
Admission to a minor is open to students enrolled in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students enrolled only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.