PRE-LAW - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences
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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.

FULLY OFFERED AT:
• Kent Campus
• Stark Campus

Minor Requirements
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Electives, choose from the following (three courses, one each from the following areas):

- Social Science
  - POL 30100  AMERICAN POLITICAL THEORY
  - POL 40182  CONSTITUTIONAL LAW:GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS
  - POL 40183  CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES (DIVD)
  - PSYC 30111  FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY
  - SOC 32762  DEVIAN'T BEHAVIOR

- History, Philosophy and Justice
  - CRIM 26704  ISSUES IN LAW AND SOCIETY (KSS)
  - CRIM 33300  DEVELOPMENT OF JUSTICE IN AMERICA
  - HIST 41071  AMERICAN SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL HISTORY, 1876-PRESENT (DIVD)
  - PHIL 31035  PHILOSOPHY AND JUSTICE (DIVD)
  - PHIL 41025  PHILOSOPHY OF LAW

- Conflict Management and Legal Practices
  - CACM 34040  NEGOTIATION
  - CACM 41010  RECONCILIATION VERSUS REVENGE:TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (DIVG) (WIC)
  - CACM 48080  MEDIATION: THEORY AND TRAINING
  - COMM 45807  HIGH IMPACT PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING
  - POL 40170  MOOT COURT I
  - POL 40171  MOOT COURT II

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 21

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA
2.00

- Students must complete at least two upper-division courses in the minor at Kent State on a graded basis (A-F).
- Maximum three courses counted toward the students' major may be counted toward the pre-law minor.
- It is recommended that students pursuing the pre-law minor give strong consideration to the following courses in fulfillment of the Kent Core Requirements or college general requirements:
  - In the humanities and fine arts category: HIST 12070, HIST 12071, COMM 15000 COMM 26000, PAS 23001 and PAS 23002
  - In the social sciences category: CRIM 12000, ECON 22061 and POL 10100
- Students are strongly encouraged to consider prerequisites of advanced courses in the pre-law minor as they select their Kent Core courses or college general requirements.