

PRE-LAW AT UVM

PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

General Information

Our goals are to prepare you for (1) deciding whether you want to pursue a career in law, and (2) if so, preparing you to prepare for that career.

A pre-law curriculum is a comprehensive undergraduate plan of study that you design to maximize your chances of admission to a law school when you are a senior. There is no specified or required pre-law curriculum. Law school admissions committees do not favor applicants with certain majors. Nevertheless, there are recommended courses which should help prepare you for admission, aid you in law school courses, and give you success in law school. Whatever major you choose, and whatever other courses you take, you must achieve an outstanding undergraduate academic record. In addition, you are responsible for doing all the necessary preparation in order to make yourself an attractive law school applicant. Law school admissions are competitive. You will be competing against other applicants who have impressive records as well.

The Department of Political Science has a number of faculty who are experienced in advising students who are considering law school after graduation. Professors Ellen Andersen, Alec Ewald, Lisa Holmes, and Thomas Sullivan are available to answer your questions and help you plan your decision making. In additions, the UVM career service office is available with counseling. The department throughout the academic year hosts discussion and learning sessions for students who have interest in law school.