

PRE-LAW, PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

PHIL 3073	Philosophy of Law	3
Total Hours		49

Accredited law schools have not, in general, adopted specific requirements for pre-law courses. However, in most cases, courses of value to those planning the study of law include: history, economics, political science, philosophy, psychology, sociology, English composition, and literature, as well as courses in the natural sciences, mathematics, and accounting. A broad cultural background is of prime importance.

Rather than attempt to prescribe the specific contents of courses to be taken by pre-law students, Arkansas Tech University considers the individual intellectual interests of students of prime importance, encouraging development of the ability to read and comprehend accurately, rapidly, and thoroughly; to think logically; to analyze and weigh situations and materials; to speak and write clearly; and to develop a critical approach and mature study habits.

The pre-professional curriculum is not a major in itself. Pre-law students must declare a major for graduation selected from any degree currently offered at Arkansas Tech University. Among general electives in the chosen major, or in excess of the 120 hours required for graduation, **pre-law students are urged to take the courses listed below** to prepare them for the LSAT and law school.

Many pre-law students choose to major in history (<https://catalog.atu.edu/undergraduate/programs/arts-humanities/history-political-science/history-ba/>) or political science (<https://catalog.atu.edu/undergraduate/programs/arts-humanities/history-political-science/political-science-ba/>), and pre-law advisors are located in the Department of History and Political Science. Students should consult these listed pre-law advisors regardless of their chosen major, as these advisors specifically help students design a good pre-law curriculum.

Curriculum

Recommended Curriculum in Pre-Law

Code	Title	Hours
BLAW 2033	Legal Environment of Business	3
CJ/SOC 2043	Crime and Delinquency	3
CJ 4023	Law and the Legal System	3
ENGL 3043	Literary Editing and Publishing	3
JOUR 4123	Laws of Communication	3
PHIL 3023	Ethics	3
PHIL/POLS 3063	Modern Political Thought	3
HIST 4183	American Legal History	3
PHIL 3103	Logic	3
POLS 2003	American Government	3
POLS/CJ 3023	Judicial Process	3
POLS 4043	American Constitutional Law	3
PSY 2003	General Psychology	3
COMM 2003	Public Speaking	3
COMM 2111/2121	Debate Practicum	1
COMM 4153	Persuasive Theory and Audience Analysis	3