Law School Preparation

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Pre-law Advisor: Scott Johnson, Professor, Department of Political Science

- While you cannot major or minor in law school preparation, there are law-related courses offered at Frostburg State University.
- Prospective law students should carefully examine the catalog of the law school they wish to attend in order to determine the test requirements for that school.

The traditional preparatory majors for entering law schools have been political science, history, English, philosophy, or sociology. Most law schools prefer that undergraduates interested in admission to law school not follow a prescribed “pre-law” curriculum. Rather, they prefer that students pursue a broad, liberal education.

Almost all professional law schools require applicants to take the Law School Aptitude Test. In some cases, the Graduate Record Exam may also be required. Information regarding the L.S.A.T. may be obtained from this university’s pre-law advisor.

Information regarding the G.R.E. may be obtained from University Counseling and Psychological Services.

Prospective law students should strive to acquire exceptional ability in communication; gain critical understanding of human values and institutions; and develop understanding in the use of various types of reasoning: deductive, inductive, and analogous. Students should develop the ability to think creatively and to analyze critically. They should also learn how to recognize, differentiate, and organize facts according to their relevance to particular issues.

Suggested Elective Courses for Law School Preparation

The following courses may be especially helpful in achieving the qualities stated above. Students are advised to choose elective courses from this list:

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Law School Admission Test (LSAT) Preparation Course

This non-credit course is designed to help students prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), a prerequisite for all students seeking admission to law school. The course is offered twice during the academic year in preparation for the October and June tests. There is a fee for the course that covers the costs of instruction and a textbook that contains more than 500 questions and problems, including analytical exercises, practice tests, and a full-length home-study exam. The course covers each of the main sections of the LSAT in depth: application of rules, reading comprehension, logical games, logical reasoning, and essay writing. For each section, students are exposed to a wide variety of sample questions, which are analyzed in class, and various suggestions and methods are presented in lectures for approaching the types of questions in each section.

Graduates of the LSAT prep course have gained admission to such law schools as The Georgetown University Law Center, Duquesne University School of Law, The University of Baltimore School of Law, The West Virginia University College of Law, Appalachian School of Law, Ohio Northern University College of Law, The Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and Liberty College of Law.

For further information, contact Dr. Scott Johnson, pre-law advisor and instructor of the course.

Leadership Studies

MINOR

Coordinator: Elesha L. Ruminski, Department of Communication

- The Leadership Studies Minor is open to any student seeking theoretical and experiential leadership development. It is not necessary to be in a leadership role on or off campus to minor in Leadership Studies.
- The minor entails a substantial number of experiential learning activities.
- Only courses in which a grade of C or better is earned will count towards satisfaction of the minor requirements.
- You cannot major in Leadership Studies.

Program Requirements

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Requirements for Minor in Leadership Studies

1. Required Core Courses: (12 credits)
   CMST 102  Introduction to Human Communication
   or CMST 122 Introduction to Public Speaking
   LEAD 101  Introduction to Leadership Studies
   Choose 1 of the following:
   LEAD 301  Organizational Leadership
   or MGMT 356 Leadership and Human Behavior
   LEAD 401  Citizen Leadership

2. Select 2 elective options from 2 categories below (6 credits):  
   Leadership Competencies:
   CMST 215  Small Group Communication
   CMST 300  Interpersonal Communication
   CMST 322  Presentation Communication
   CMST 335  Organizational Communication
   CMST 345  Conflict Management
   PSYC 385  Group Processes
   RECR 382  Program Planning
   SOCI 325  Community Analysis

   Leadership Dynamics and Ethics:
   PHIL 305  Criminal Justice Ethics
   PHIL 308  Political Philosophy
   PHIL 313  Biomedical Ethics
   PHIL 410  Philosophy of Law
   POSC 462  Personality and Politics
   PSYC 314  Theories of Personality
   PSYC 318  Social Psychology
   SOWK 375  Human Behavior and the Social Environment

   Leadership Contexts:
   CMST 365  Environmental Communication
   MCOM 316  Electronic Media Management
   MGMT 251  Management of Organizations
   MGMT 359  Quality Management
   POSC 321  State and Local Politics
   POSC 323  Public Administration
   POSC 352  Interest Groups
   POSC 358  American Public Policy
   POSC 427  The American Presidency
   RECR 380  Recreation Leadership
   SOWK 370  Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Work

Liberal Studies

MAJOR

Coordinator: Linda Steele, Program Coordinator, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- The Liberal Studies major may be completed on the Frostburg campus or at the University System of Maryland in Hagerstown.
- You cannot earn a minor in Liberal Studies.

The Liberal Studies major is an interdisciplinary program providing breadth in the arts, humanities, natural and social science disciplines, and depth in an area of specialization (the focus of study). The major is adaptable to student interest in combining more than one field of study as well as preparation for technical and/or professional studies and provides a desirable preparation and pathway for graduate studies or for entry and advancement opportunities in a wide array of employment fields requiring a baccalaureate degree.

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Requirements for Major in Liberal Studies

I. Liberal Core: (21 hours)
   A minimum of 21 hours of course work in addition to courses satisfying General Education Program requirements, and distributed as follows:
   A. 3 hours in a communication arts course that focuses on writing or speaking.
   B. 18 hours in arts and sciences, including a minimum of 3 hours each in arts, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.

II. Focus Area Requirements
   (approval of LBST Coordinator required): (30 hours)
   A. A minimum of 27 hours in a discipline or disciplines (including current minors or emphases) related to the student’s area of technical or professional training or other specialized interest, including a minimum of 15 hours at the 300/400 level.
   B. A minimum of 3 hours in a capstone course (seminar, individual research, special topics, practicum, field experience or internship).

III. Capstone Seminar (1 hour)
   LBST 450  Senior Self-assessment (Capstone)

Mass Communication

MAJOR

MINOR

Professor: J. Lombardi, Terry (Chair)
Associate Professor: Whalen
Assistant Professor: Danzi
Lecturer: Jonathan Ash

- Only courses in which you earn a grade of C or better may count towards satisfaction of major or minor requirements.
- All grades earned in courses completed for the major in Mass Communication count in determining whether you meet the graduation requirement of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in the major.
- All courses completed for the Mass Communication major count in determining whether one-half of the major is completed at FSU.