Pre-Law Advising

Are you interested in pursuing a legal career? Do you want to explore the different types of law you can enter as a career? Do you want to learn how to write a personal statement for law school?

The UConn Pre-Law Advising Office is here to help UConn pre-law undergraduate students and alumni with all of the above questions and more. We offer advising and workshops throughout the year as well as host special events and panels of practicing attorneys representing different areas of law. Here are a few helpful tips about our procedures and the next steps to become involved:

1. Subscribe to our listserv to take full advantage of valuable information and opportunities from our office. Email prelaw@uconn.edu from your UConn email account and request to be added, stating your anticipated year of graduation.

2. If you have specific questions or concerns, make an appointment with Diane Whitney, JD (UConn’s Pre-Law Advisor) through https://nexus.uconn.edu/. (Note: this request form will not be active until shortly prior to the start of the fall semester.)

3. Plan to attend the Fall Involvement Fair to explore the different student organizations and groups related to your interests! Popular starting places for pre-law students include the Law Society, Mock Trial Society, and the National Black Law Students Association, but there are many, many more. Check out a complete listing of activities at https://uconntact.uconn.edu/. Community Outreach also offers dozens of volunteering opportunities (https://communityoutreach.uconn.edu/).

4. While there is not a specific curriculum or pre-requisite coursework required for law school, the following are suggestions for some introductory-level classes recommended to help you prepare for the LSAT and law school. These classes can expand your vocabulary and critical thinking skills, which is important for law school. ANY class that requires you to write logically, demands concise analysis of issues, and asks you to develop your analysis beyond a recitation of facts will be useful.

   - COMM 1100: Principles of Public Speaking
   - ECON 1200: Principles of Economics (Intensive)
   - ECON 1201: Principles of Microeconomics
   - ECON 1202: Principles of Macroeconomics
   - ECON 1108: Game Theory in the Natural and Social Sciences
   - MATH 1020Q: Problem Solving
   - MATH 1070Q: Mathematics for Business and Economics
   - PHIL 1102: Philosophy and Logic
   - SOCI 3823: The Sociology of Law—Global and Comparative Perspectives
   - STAT 1000Q: Introduction to Statistics OR STAT 1100Q: Elementary Concepts in Statistics

Our website (https://prelaw.uconn.edu/) also contains a wealth of information. If you cannot find an answer to your question on the website, please email us at prelaw@uconn.edu. Above all, welcome to UConn—we look forward to working with you!

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