



Pre-Law

The Pre-Law program at Gonzaga offers a way for students who are interested in pursuing law school to receive one-on-one advising with a faculty member who can help them discern whether or not law school is right for them. Gonzaga also offers events throughout the year to help Pre-Law students learn about law and prepare to apply for law school. Gonzaga's mission of preparing servant leaders committed to social justice means that pre-law students have many opportunities through courses, programming, and advising to think deeply about how they can pursue social justice and contribute to their community through the legal field.

THE PROGRAM

Law schools agree there is no single undergraduate major that best prepares students for law school. Thus, Gonzaga Pre-Law students can major in any academic area of interest. Students preparing for law school should take courses that emphasize critical analysis of difficult reading material, logical thinking, and writing clear and effective prose. These skills are the tools needed to score well on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and meet the academic challenges of law school. Gonzaga's emphasis on teaching excellence means that students will have the opportunity to hone these skills in courses across a wide range of majors. Gonzaga also offers two award-winning experiential learning programs, Debate Team and Model United Nations, that allow students to put these skills into practice while learning about the law.

The Pre-Law advisor suggests students choose courses they are interested in and that challenge them. No particular courses are required, but the courses listed on this page may be recommended based on students' career goals and legal interests.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

Business

- Antitrust Policy and Regulation
- Business Law
- Employment Law

Classical Civilizations

- Elementary Latin I & II

Criminology

- American Court System
- Criminal Law
- Crime, Social Control, Justice

History

- Civil Rights, Social Justice, and US Citizenship

Philosophy

- International Ethics
- Philosophy of Law
- Political Philosophy
- Symbolic Logic

Political Science

- Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties & Rights
- Constitutional Law: International Powers
- International Law

Sociology

- Criminology
- Law and Society

DISTINCTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Internships

Many students take the opportunity to do internships within the law profession. Some of these opportunities include contact and experience with legal operations in the Washington State Attorney General's Spokane Office, various state legislators, and in the private sector at local law firms.

Introduction to Gonzaga Law School Faculty

Regardless of a student's desire to attend Gonzaga's Law School, it is helpful to speak with law school professors about the realities of the legal profession. The Pre-Law program can introduce students to the Gonzaga Law School's faculty, providing access to their wealth of experience as educators and practicing lawyers. Students also have frequent opportunities to sit in on law school classes.

Workshops, Panels, and Presentations

Each year the Pre-Law advisor coordinates a variety of events such as personal statement writing workshops (a requirement for law school admission), presentations covering the law school admission process, and panel discussions on what it is like to be an attorney.

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION

The quality of Gonzaga's curriculum and Gonzaga graduates have the respect of law schools across the country. Below is a list of some of the law schools to which Gonzaga graduates have been recently admitted:

- American University - Washington College of Law
- Arizona State University Sandra Day O' Connor College of Law
- Boston College Law School
- Cornell Law School
- George Washington University Law School
- Gonzaga University School of Law
- New York University School of Law
- Pepperdine University School of Law
- Seattle University School of Law
- Stanford Law School
- Tulane University Law School
- University of California - Berkeley School of Law
- University of California - Los Angeles School of Law
- University of Colorado Law School
- University of Idaho College of Law
- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
- University of Notre Dame Law School
- University of Washington School of Law
- Vanderbilt University School of Law
- Washington University School of Law



DEBATE AND MODEL UNITED NATIONS

In addition to other services and courses, Gonzaga offers two award-winning programs/teams that allow students to gain actual experience in research, analysis, critical thinking, writing, public speaking, and negotiation.

Gonzaga's nationally recognized Debate Program is designed and promoted as Pre-Law training in analytical and critical thinking, argumentation, and legal research.

The **award-winning Gonzaga University Model United Nations (GUMUN) program** offers students an unparalleled opportunity to learn about international law and to work with student delegates from around the world at regional and national conferences to solve global issues by writing UN resolutions and treaties.



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