

PRE-LAW PROGRAM

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The nation's top law schools seek applicants who have pursued a well-rounded undergraduate education, one like the liberal arts and sciences curriculum Christopher Newport University offers. Therefore, like most colleges and universities, CNU does not offer a pre-law major. Rather, our liberal learning curriculum helps students from all majors prepare for application to law school. In addition to offering all the pre-requisite coursework, CNU offers a variety of resources, such as academic and career advising, mentoring, internship opportunities, workshops, and seminars to help any highly-motivated student gain admission to the law school of his or her choice.

Many of these resources are offered through the Pre-Law Program, which hosts a variety of events focused on preparing for law school, determining if law school is right for you, and crafting a strong law school application. Students who join the Pre-Law Program are also assigned an advisor who can answer individual questions. All students interested in law school are also encouraged to join Christopher Newport University's chapter of Phi Alpha Delta. Our chapter of this national, co-educational fraternity offers pre-law education and peer-to-peer support.

In addition, students with high levels of academic achievement and the motivation to prepare early should apply to the Pre-Law Scholars program. This program offers intensive mentoring to maximize law school preparation.

How to Get Started

1. Consult our web page, prelaw.cnu.edu, for details about upcoming Pre-Law Program events and to learn more about the Pre-Law Scholars Program.
2. Contact Dr. Michelle Kundmueller, michelle.kundmueller@cnu.edu, and ask to join the Pre-Law Program. You will be informed of all our events and, depending on your major, be given an advisor with whom you can discuss your plans. If you qualify, apply to the Pre-Law Scholars Program (qualifications and application procedure are explained at prelaw.cnu.edu).
3. Join and be an active member of Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law fraternity. Membership is open to all Christopher Newport University students.

Suggested Courses

While no specific courses are required for law school admission, courses that require you to write extensively, think critically, and analyze information from multiple disciplines are helpful toward preparing for the rigors of law school. Both the constitutional studies concentration in the American studies major and/or the philosophy of law minor offer courses particularly relevant to such preparation.

Students who wish to have coursework that focuses on legal issues should consider taking some of the following courses:

AMST 120	Encounters with the Constitution
AMST 330	Treason in America
AMST 335	WI: Moot Court
AMST 350	Sex, Law, and Society
BUSN 351	Business Law I
COMM 305	The First Amendment, Culture, and Communication
HIST 342	American Environmental History
HIST 354	The American Revolution and Early Republic, 1775-1820
HONR 323	Civil Liberties in Wartime
HONR 350	Seminars in Formal and Informal Reasoning
PHIL 205*	The Anatomy of Thought
PHIL 321	WI: Legal Reasoning
PHIL 337	Radical Evil and the Philosophy of Law
POLS 240	The Supreme Court in American Politics
POLS 307	Civil Liberties
POLS 316	Constitutional Law
POLS 363	The Judicial Process

*Students preparing for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) should consider taking PHIL 205 as part of their preparation.