



Pre-Law | Pre-Professional Program

Students who are interested in Pre-Law preparation may consider any major at Alvernia University and should choose a major based on their interest in the discipline. Highly recommended majors include:

- Criminal Justice
- English
- History
- Philosophy
- Political Science

Pre-Law preparation is assisted by Pre-Law advisors within the majors of Business, Communication, Criminal Justice, English and Political Science. Students are encouraged to meet with one of these advisors to discuss specific course selections. Students are also encouraged to join the Pre-Law Society on campus.

According to the American Bar Association, students wishing to attend law school need to develop the following skills:

- Analytic and problem solving skills: Critical thinking, the ability to structure and evaluate arguments and engage in reasoned debate and the ability to develop solutions to complicated problems
- Critical reading abilities: Close reading of complex materials in literature, political or economic history, philosophy and history. Ability to read, comprehend, assimilate and analyze large amounts of material in a short time period
- Writing skills: Rigorous and analytical writing, original pieces of substantial length, and revision of written work in response to constructive criticism.
- Oral communication and listening abilities: Ability to speak clearly and persuasively, engage in debate, make formal presentations, or speak before groups
- General research skills: Significant library research, analysis of large amounts of information

Recommended courses are upper level courses with a major research paper required.

Students are encouraged to discuss specific courses which will help them acquire these skills with the student's academic advisor and Pre-Law advisor. Alvernia offers a wide selection of courses in many disciplines which address these skills.

The American Bar Association also suggests that students develop the ability to organize and manage large tasks, take an active interest in serving others and promoting justice and develop knowledge that "help students derive the maximum benefit from legal education." There are many activities, clubs and leadership alternatives at Alvernia that will fulfill the goals of the American Bar Association in this regard.

Learn more at the web site of the American Bar Association: www.abanet.org

RECENT ALVERNIA GRADUATES ATTEND THE FOLLOWING LAW SCHOOLS:

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