



Pre-Law Students

Pre-Law students major in a variety of different subject areas, often in the humanities and social sciences. Regardless of what major you choose, try to take as many of these classes as you can.

Humanities- Recommended Electives

ENGLISH

(Choose 3 – 6 credits of 100 level ENG)

Working in a law profession can involve interacting with people under difficult circumstances. Studying English literature will improve your reading comprehension and writing capabilities, which is helpful when applying for admission to professional colleges. The added benefit is it also helps to develop empathy. Being able to understand and appreciate your clients' feeling and experiences will improve your practice.

ENG 110.6 Literature and Composition

ENG 111.3 Literature and Composition Reading Poetry

ENG 112.3 Literature and Composition Reading Drama

ENG 113.3 Literature and Composition Reading Narrative

ENG 114.3 Literature and Composition Reading Culture

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy courses help to develop critical and logical thinking skills, as well as your writing skills. They will help you think about ethical issues in relation to moral problems, decision making, and being a responsible human being. We recommend you take both of these 100-level courses, which can be used as prerequisites for upper year courses.

PHIL 133.3 Introduction to Ethics and Values

PHIL 140.3 Critical Thinking

History

Classical, Medieval, Renaissance Studies

Latin

Practicing law is based on case precedent. Studying history will give you a background in historical research. Classical, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies, and Latin, will give you a grounding in careful textual studies, critical reasoning, and terminology.

HIST 115.3 History Matters Ideas and Culture

CMRS 110.3 The Graeco Roman Trad. Evolution & Reception

CMRS 111.3 Medieval & Renaissance Civilization

LATN 112.3 Latin for Beginners I

LATN 113.3 Latin for Beginners II

Social Sciences- Recommended Electives

POLITICAL STUDIES

Political education examines how societies are organized and governed, how power shapes human behaviour, and how effective state institutions are in achieving the common or public good. Taking courses in political studies will help you build critical arguments, develop your writing, reading comprehension, and research skills. Both of these courses are prerequisites for upper year courses pre-law students may wish to take.

POLS 111.3 Democracy in Canada and the United States

POLS 112.3 Political Ideas and Change in Global Era

PSYCHOLOGY

PSY 120 gives an introduction to neuroscience, memory, and understanding the brain. While, PSY 121 includes an introduction to psychological disorders, treatment, mental health, stress, and coping. Studying Psychology will expand your critical thinking, and conceptual learning. You will work on effective paper writing skills, research methods and terminology.

PSY 121 is also a prerequisite for PSY 231.3 Psychology and Law

PSY 120.3 Biological and Cognitive Bases of Psychology

PSY 121.3 Social Clinical Cultural & Devel. Bases of Psychology

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of modern society. These courses will help you develop research skills, critical thinking skills, and writing skills which are very important for admission tests (LSAT). These two 100-level courses are also prerequisites for upper year courses pre-law students may wish to take. We recommend that students take one of these classes in each term of first year.

SOC 111.3 Fdtn. of Soc. Society Structure Process

SOC 112.3 Fdtn. of Soc. Social Construction of Everyday Life

Note: There is no recommended pre-law program at USask College of Law. Admittance is based on grades and LSAT scores.