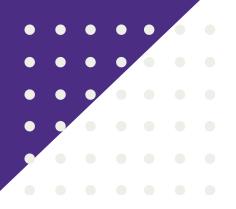
UW PRE-LAW GUIDE









Pre-Law at UW

At the UW Career and Internship Center, Pre-Law Career Coaching can help students and alumni:

- Determine whether law school is the best fit for one's professional goals
- Learn about law school and the different areas of legal practice
- Help with the application process
- Determine an action plan
- Explore the different jobs and careers in the field

30 min appointments are available for UW students and alumni. Schedule your Pre-Law Career Coaching appointment in Handshake

Exploring the Legal Profession

- Study (majors, minors) what interests you (Law school requires no prerequisite courses nor do law schools prefer any particulr majors)
- Take courses that involve a lot of reading, writing, research, and critical thinking
- Take a class taught by the UW Law School for undergraduates
- Sit in on a JD level UW Law School class
- Consider what legal field(s) you want to study and take some classes in those disciplines
- Attend or join a club/RSO on campus (UW Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, UW Mock Trial)
- Get legal experience through jobs, internships, or volunteering
- Ask yourself: "Why do you want to go to law school?" and "Will obtaining a law degree be of enough value in helping me achieve my goals to justify the time (3 Years) and expense (\$100K+ tuition/debt)?"
- Maintain a high GPA
- Attend information sessions, events, and workshops
- Consider taking gap year(s)/time off gaining experience instead of going directly into law school

LSAT Prep & Application Timeline

MARCH: Begin preparing for the LSAT exam

JUNE: Take the LSAT exam JUNE-JULY: Begin preliminary research on law schools JULY:

Receive LSAT
scores from June
exam

JULY-DEC:
Narrow Focus to 810 law schools; if
necessary, retake
LSAT

OCT-JAN: Submit applications and financial aid

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Applying to Law School

- Research and determine Law Schools you want to apply to
 - Realistic, Safety, & Stretch schools
- Sign up and take the LSAT
 - Consider taking a LSAT prep course, self studying, or finding a study buddy
 - Take practice exams
- Register for the Credential Assembly Services (CAS) on LSAC
- Submit transcripts from all undergraduate institutions you have attended
- Ask for letters of recommendations
 - Ask early to give your writers ample time to write
- Finalize your resume
- Write your personal statement and addenda if needed
 - Make sure to proof read and revise
- Apply for Financial Aid

Additional Resources for Pre-Law Students

You can find more information on our website:

https://careers.uw.edu/pre-law/

For additional resources on pre-law:

https://careers.uw.edu/additional-resources-for-pre-law-students/

To check when Pre-Law workshops & events are being offered:

https://careers.uw.edu/events/student/