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:	JUNE:	JUNE-JULY:	JULY:	JULY-DEC:	OCT-JAN:
Begin preparing for the LSAT exam	Take the LSAT exam	Begin preliminary research on law schools	Receive LSAT scores from June exam	Narrow Focus to 8-10 law schools; if necessary, retake LSAT	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/