



PENN STATE PRE-LAW ADVISING

Suggested Courses for Students Interested in Law School

Many of the following courses may help you develop or refine skills that are consistently tested on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and are critical for law school success. These skills include critical reading, analytical thinking, complex reasoning, and effective writing. In addition to these skill-based courses, other courses listed below offer exposure to basic legal theories and/or examine the law from a historical perspective.

None of these courses are required for admission to law school.

Communications

COMM 381: Telecommunications Regulation (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): COMM 180; ECON 102 or ECON 014

COMM 403: Law of Mass Communication (3)

COMM 492: Internet Law and Policy (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): COMM 180

Communication Arts & Sciences

CAS 100: Effective Speech (3)

CAS 215: Argumentation (3)

CAS 321: Rhetoric and Law (3)

Crime, Law & Justice

CRIM 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (3) (GS)

CRIM 113: Introduction to Law (3) (US)

CRIM 432: Crime and the American Court System (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): CRIM 100

CRIM 467: Law and Society (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): CRIM100, CRIM 113, or permission of program

History

HIST 449: Constitutional History of the United States to 1877 (3) (US)

Prerequisite Course(s): HIST 020 or 021 or 3 additional credits in history or political science

HIST 450: Constitutional History of the United States since 1877 (3) (US)

Prerequisite Course(s): HIST 020 or 021 or 3 additional credits in history or political science

HIST 452: History of United States Foreign Relations (3) (US; IL)

Prerequisite Course(s): HIST 020 or 021

Philosophy

PHIL 010: Critical Thinking (3) (GH) *

PHIL 012: Symbolic Logic (3) (GQ)

PHIL 105: Introduction to Philosophy of Law and Legal Ethics (3) (GH)

* *Note: If you do not take PHIL 010, purchase the text for help with LSAT preparation.*

English

ENGL 200: Introduction to Critical Reading (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): ENGL 015 or 030

ENGL 417: The Editorial Process (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, 202D, 210, 215, or 410

ENGL 421: Advanced Expository Writing (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D

ENGL 470: Rhetorical Theory and Practice (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): ENGL 015 or 030

ENGL 471: Rhetorical Traditions (3 credits/semester, max of 6)

Prerequisite Course(s): ENGL 015 or 030

ENGL 472: Current Theories of Writing and Reading (3 credits/semester, max of 6)

Prerequisite Course(s): ENGL 015 or 030

ENGL 473: Rhetorical Approaches to Discourse (3 credits/semester, max of 6)

Prerequisite Course(s): ENGL 015 or 030

ENGL 474: Issues in Rhetoric and Composition (3 credits/semester, max of 6)

Prerequisite Course(s): ENGL 015 or 030

Political Science

PL SC 001: Introduction to American National Government (3) (GS)

PL SC 403: The Legislative Process (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): PL SC 001 or 003

PL SC 470W: Legal Brief Writing (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): PL SC 001

PL SC 471: American Constitutional Law (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): PL SC 001

PL SC 472: The American Legal Process (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): PL SC 001

PL SC 473: American Judicial Behavior (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): PL SC 001

PL SC 474: Civil Liberties and Due Process (3)

Prerequisite Course(s): PL SC 001



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