

Why Philosophy Students Do Well in Law School

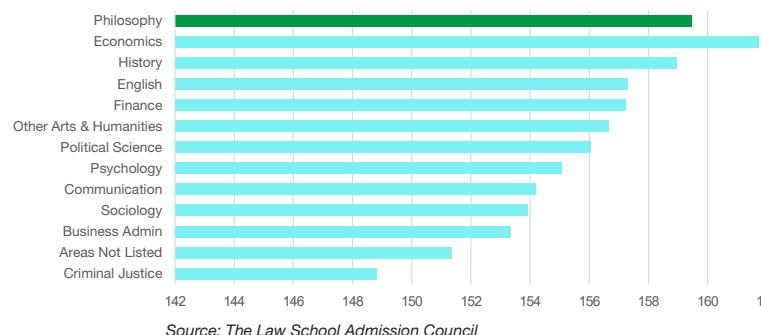
“While no single curricular path is the ideal preparation for law school, you should choose courses that sharpen **analytical reasoning** and **writing skills**. Law schools prefer students who **can think, read, and write well**, and who have some understanding of what shapes human experience.”

-Law School Admission Council

Philosophy Majors Score High on the LSAT

159

Average LSAT Scores by Major, 2022-2023



“Classes that stress **research & writing** are excellent preparation for law school, as are courses that teach **reasoning and analytical skills**. Classes that help you understand the **complex relationships** that motivate legal decision-making can be both **fascinating and useful**... Law schools particularly value courses...in which you produce lengthy and well-researched papers.”

- American Bar Association

PHILOSOPHY

B.A. Pre-Law Concentration
Accelerated 3+3 B.A./J.D.



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4-Year Philosophy Pre-Law Curriculum

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Major in Philosophy & Ethics Pre-Law Concentration

To earn a major in Pre-Law, students must complete 12 Philosophy courses (36 credit hours)

Required Courses

4 courses • 12 credit hours

- PHIL 110 Introduction to Logic
- PHIL 130 Introduction to Political Philosophy
- PHIL 371 Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 480 Public Philosophy

Social-Political Philosophy & Ethics

6 courses • 18 credit hours

- PHIL 120 Introduction to Ethics
- PHIL 312 American Philosophy
- PHIL 315 Philosophy of Race & Postcolonialism
- PHIL 331 Contemporary European Philosophy
- PHIL 342 Advanced Ethics
- PHIL 350 Philosophy of Technology
- PHIL 355 Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 360 Feminist Philosophy
- PHIL 450 Philosophy, Economics, and Politics
- PHIL 451 Current Topics in Political Philosophy

Electives - any Philosophy course

2 courses • 6 credit hours

3+3 Philosophy B.A. + J.D. Curriculum

Year 1-3

B.A. Year 1-3

12 courses | 36 credit hours

Complete 12 Philosophy courses to fulfill major requirements for the B.A. Philosophy Pre-Law Concentration.

B.A. Year 3

LSAT and Law School Application

Take the LSAT either in the summer after your Sophomore year or in the fall semester of your Junior year.

After completing the LSAT, apply to UND Law School no later than Spring semester of your Junior year.*

B.A. Year 4 / J.D. Year 1

Complete 30 credit hours of Law coursework to finish the requirements of the undergraduate degree.

Graduate with a B.A. Degree!

Apply for graduation for the B.A. degree at the start of your second semester.

J.D. Year 2-3

Complete the remaining requirements of the J.D. degree.

Graduate with a Juris Doctorate (J.D.)!

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*Acceptance to the UND Law School is NOT guaranteed and is based on UND Law School admission criteria. Students may still complete the major and earn the B.A. under the regular 4-year plan if they do not gain admission to the Law School.