Why Philosophy Students Do Well in Law School

Philosophy

Pre-Law

B.A./J.D.

Program

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"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 highest on the LSAT



"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

Bachelor of Arts 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

2 courses / 6 credit hours 6 credit hours in any Philosophy (PHIL) course

Curriculum \bigcirc J.D. \bigcirc + 4 m Philosophy \bigcirc \bigcirc က ╋ က

3 + 3 (Accelerated) BA and JD Program

Year 1 – 3 B.A. Year 1 – 3 12 courses / 36 credit hours

Students enrolled in the accelerated program will complete 12 Philosophy courses (36 credit hours) to fulfill major requirements for the BA Philosophy Pre-Law Concentration.

Year 3 B.A. Year 3

Students in the accelerated program should take the LSAT either in the summer after their Sophomore year or in the fall semester of their Junior year.

After completing the LSAT, students in the accelerated program should apply to UND Law School (no later than Spring semester of their Junior year).*

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

First Semester

Torts I 3 credit hrs

Second Semester

Contracts I 2 credit hrs Contracts II 2 credit hrs Property 4 credit hrs Torts II 2 credit hrs Prof. Foundations 2 credit hrs Civil Procedure 4 credit hrs Constitutional I aw I 3 credit hrs Lawyering Skills I 3 credit hrs Criminal Law 3 credit hrs Lawyering Skills II 2 credit hrs

Graduate with B.A. Degree! Students apply for graduation for the BA degree at the start of their second semester.

Year 5 – 6 J.D. Year 2 – 3

Complete the remaining requirements for the JD degree.

Graduate with J.D.!

*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 BA under regular 4-year plan if they do not gain admission to the Law School.