



## SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PRE-LAW STUDIES

### Explore the Fascinating and Complex World of Law

The Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Law Studies provides you with a solid foundation in legal studies and concepts needed to enter law school. Whether you're uncertain if law school is the next step, this program will not only help you decide, but will also provide you with a basic understanding of the complex legal issues you will face if you choose to pursue a career in business or government.

In the program you'll develop important verbal and analytical skills and expand your ability for critical thinking, all skills that are vital for a career in the legal profession. You'll master strong written, oral communication, and presentation skills used in law, and learn techniques for effective planning in preparation for the negotiation process. You'll also learn to develop strong, comprehensive, and concise legal arguments.

#### Program highlights:

- Entire program can be completed online
- Develop legal and critical-thinking skills relevant to legal issues
- Describe, analyze, and anticipate legal issues within the business environment
- Analyze contemporary legal issues in the state, federal, and administrative law arenas
- Learn to apply relevant rules of law, ethical standards, and social customs

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## MAJOR IN PRE-LAW STUDIES

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The Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Law Studies program provides students with the well-rounded education needed for admission to law schools. Emphasis is placed on the verbal, critical thinking, and analytical skills that are considered vital for success as a law student and as a member of the legal profession. This major also allows students interested in a career in business or government to gain an understanding of the complex legal issues they will face in their professions.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Develop legal and critical thinking skills in judicial issues.
- Describe, analyze, and anticipate legal issues in a business environment.
- Analyze contemporary legal issues in the state, federal, and administrative law forums.
- Analyze issues by application of relevant rules of law, ethical standards, and social mores.
- Develop concise legal arguments.
- Demonstrate written, oral communication, and presentation skills used in pre-law.
- Describe need for effective planning in preparation for the negotiation process.

### Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Pre-Law Studies, students must complete at least 180 quarter units as articulated below, 45 of which must be completed in residence at National University, 76.5 of which must be completed at the upper-division level, and minimum of 70.5 units of the University General Education requirements. In the absence of transfer credit, additional general electives may be necessary to satisfy total units for the degree. The following courses are specific degree requirements. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information on admission and evaluation. All students receiving an undergraduate degree in Nevada are required by state law to complete a course in Nevada Constitution.

### Prerequisites for the Major

(5 courses; 19.5 quarter units)

ENG 100\* Effective College English I (3 quarter units)  
ENG 101\* Effective College English II (3 quarter units)  
*Prerequisite: ENG 100*  
SOC 100\* Principles of Sociology  
*Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101*

#### OR

PSY 100\* Introduction to Psychology  
POL 201\* American Politics  
*Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101*

#### OR

PHL 100\* Introduction to Philosophy  
*Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101*  
LAW 200 Intro to Law & Legal Writing

\* May be used to meet a General Education requirement.

### Requirements for the Major

(9 courses; 40.5 quarter units)

LAW 204 Legal Aspects of Business I  
LAW 305 Legal Aspects of Business II  
*Prerequisite: LAW 204*  
LAW 310 Litigation  
LAW 400 Current Legal Issues  
LAW 402 The Art of Negotiation

#### OR

ADR 405 Negotiation Fundamentals  
LAW 405 Analytical Reasoning  
LAW 408 Legal Writing Research and Ora.

### Capstone:

LAW 420 Advocacy

#### OR

LAW 470 Pre-Law Senior Project  
*Prerequisite: LAW 310, LAW 400 and LAW 408*  
ADR 400 Alternative Dispute Resolution

## Upper Division Electives

(8 courses; 36 units)

Choose **eight (8)** upper-division degree related electives. The courses noted with an \* below are strongly recommended.

LAW 430\* Constitutional Law  
LAW 440 Comparative International Law  
LAW 445 Administrative Law for Business  
LAW 455 Public Contracting  
LAW 460\* Law School Portfolio Project  
ADR 410\* Facilitation Fundamentals  
ADR 415\* Mediation Fundamentals  
ADR 420\* Communication & Conflict  
ADR 425\* Issues in Conflict Management  
ADR 430\* Ethics and Neutrality  
CJA 464 Constitutional Law for CJ  
SOC 445 Contemporary Social Problems  
*Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101*  
PHL 337 Ethics  
*Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101*