

# Suggested Pre-Law Classes

at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Pre-law is not a major or a minor — it's a career direction. Some departments, such as Political Science and Sociology, offer many law-related classes. If you're thinking about law school, it may be helpful to take some of these classes, but keep in mind that law schools do not require applicants to have any particular major, and there are no prerequisite classes for law school.

To help you make yourself an appealing law school candidate, consider taking a broad range of courses. Below are University of Minnesota classes that may be useful preparation. This list is not meant to be comprehensive.

## WRITING AND SPEAKING SKILLS

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<b>COMM 1101</b>	Introduction to Public Speaking	<b>ENGL 3027W</b>	The Essay
<b>COMM 1313</b>	Analysis of Argument	<b>TH 1101W</b>	Introduction to the Theatre
<b>COMM 3451W</b>	Intercultural Communication: Theory and Practice	<b>TH 1321</b>	Beginning Action: Fundamentals of Performance
<b>COMM 3605W</b>	Persuasive Speaking and Speech Writing	<b>WRIT 1301</b>	University Writing
		<b>WRIT 1401</b>	Writing and Academic Inquiry

## PROBLEM-SOLVING AND ANALYTICAL SKILLS

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<b>ACCT 2050</b>	Introduction to Financial Reporting	<b>PHIL 3301</b>	Environmental Ethics
<b>ECON 1101</b>	Principles of Microeconomics	<b>PHIL 3307</b>	Social Justice and Community Service
<b>ECON 1102</b>	Principles of Macroeconomics	<b>PSY 3801</b>	Introduction to Psychological Measurement and Data Analysis
<b>PHIL1001</b>	Introduction to Logic		
<b>PHIL 1003W</b>	Introduction to Ethics	<b>SOC 3811</b>	Social Statistics
<b>PHIL 1005</b>	Scientific Reasoning	<b>STAT 1001</b>	Introduction to the Ideas of Statistics
		<b>STAT 3011</b>	Introduction to Statistical Analysis

## UNDERSTANDING HUMAN BEHAVIOR

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<b>ANTH 1003W</b>	Understanding Cultures	<b>PSY 1001</b>	Introduction to Psychology
<b>ANTH 3005</b>	Language, Culture, and Power	<b>PAY 3201</b>	Introduction to Social Psychology
<b>HIST1301W</b>	Authority and Rebellion: American History to 1865	<b>SOC 1001</b>	Introduction to Sociology
<b>HIST 1302W</b>	Global America: U.S. History since 1865	<b>SOC 3251W</b>	Sociological Perspective on Race, Class, and Gender
<b>PHIL 1006W</b>	Philosophy & Cultural Diversity	<b>SOC 3322W</b>	Social Movements, Protests, and Change

## LEADERSHIP SKILLS

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<b>PA 1961W</b>	Personal Leadership in the University	<b>PA 3961W</b>	Leadership, You, and Your Community
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## TOPICS RELATED TO LAW

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<b>BLAW 3058</b>	The Law of Contracts and Sales Contracts	<b>LAW 3000</b>	Introduction to American Law
<b>GLOS 3303</b>	Environment and Development in the Third World	<b>LAW 3050</b>	Law of Business Organization
<b>HIST 3809</b>	The Peoples of Revolutionary America	<b>PA 1005</b>	Great Debates
<b>HIST 3349</b>	U.S. Women's Legal History	<b>PHIL 1004W</b>	Introduction to Political Philosophy
		<b>PHIL 3304</b>	Law and Morality

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<b>PHIL 4321W</b>	Theories of Justice	<b>SOC 4101W</b>	Sociology of Law
<b>POL 1001</b>	American Democracy in a Changing World	<b>SOC 4105</b>	Sociology of Punishment and Corrections
<b>POL 3225</b>	American Political Thought	<b>SOC 4111</b>	Deviant Behavior
<b>POL 3308</b>	Congressional Politics and Institutions	<b>SOC 4125</b>	Policing American Society
<b>POL 3309</b>	Justice in America	<b>SOC 4142</b>	Juvenile Justice and Law
<b>POL 5403</b>	Comparative Constitutionalism	<b>SOC 4149</b>	Killing
<b>POL 4501W</b>	The Supreme Court and Constitutional Interpretation	<b>SOC 4161</b>	Criminal Law in American Society
<b>POL 4502W</b>	The Supreme Court: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	<b>SOC 4162</b>	Criminal Procedure in American Society
<b>SOC 3101</b>	Sociological Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System	<b>SW 3501</b>	Theories and Practices of Social Change Organizing
<b>SOC 3102</b>	Introduction to Criminal Behavior and Social Control	<b>SUST 3003</b>	Sustainable People, Sustainable Planet
		<b>WRIT 4431W</b>	Science, Technology, and the Law

## LAW ACROSS COMMUNITIES

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<b>AFRO 3426</b>	African Americans, Social Policy, and the Welfare State	<b>AMIN 4525W/POL 4525W</b>	Federal Indian Policy
<b>AFRO 3866</b>	The Civil Rights and Black Power Movement, 1954 - 1984	<b>CHIC 3374</b>	Migrant Farmworkers in the U.S.: Families, Work, and Advocacy
<b>AFRO 4231/AMIN 4231/CHIC 4231</b>	The Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, and Chicanos in the U.S.	<b>CHIC 3771</b>	Latino Social Power and Social Movements in the U.S.
<b>AMIN 3501</b>	American Indian Tribal Governments and Politics	<b>GLBT 3301/SW 3301</b>	GLBT Social Movements
<b>AMIN 4501</b>	Law, Sovereignty, and Treaty Rights	<b>GWSS 3004W</b>	Point/Counterpoint: Contemporary Feminist Debates
		<b>GWSS 3503</b>	Women and the Law
		<b>HIST 3349</b>	U.S. Women's Legal History

## SOCIAL JUSTICE/HUMAN RIGHTS

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<b>GLOS 1112</b>	Globalization and Social Justice	<b>PA 4414</b>	Child Human Rights: Work and Education
<b>GLOS 3144</b>	Knowledge, Power, and the Politics of Representation in Global Studies	<b>PA 5421</b>	Racial Inequality and Public Policy
<b>GLOS 3401</b>	International Human Rights Law	<b>PHIL 3311W</b>	Introduction to Ethical Theory
<b>GLOS 3402</b>	Human Rights Internship	<b>SOC 4170</b>	Sociology of International Law: Human Rights, Trafficking, and Business Regulation
<b>GLOS 4406</b>	Sociology of International Law		
<b>GWSS 3590</b>	Topics: Social Change, Activism, Law, and Policy Studies	<b>SW 2501W</b>	Introduction to Social Justice
		<b>SW 3701</b>	Introduction to Child Maltreatment and Family Violence

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