



Social Sciences Division

Pre-Law

The Pre-Law program at Mount Mary College offers guidance and curriculum planning for future lawyers. Mount Mary offers this advising service based upon recommendations from the American Bar Association and the Law School Admission Council.

Pre-Law studies are not a specific major or a prescribed set of courses. Instead, students undertake a rigorous, broad-based academic major that is well grounded in the liberal arts as the optimum preparation for law school.

Rather than mastering specific subject matter, law schools require that incoming students possess basic skill sets. These skills include analytical reasoning, critical thinking and the ability to write and speak clearly and precisely.

Students interested in law school are encouraged to choose a course of study that develops the academic skills measured on the LSAT, and also to enhance the professional skills needed to eventually practice law.

The Mount Mary pre-law advisor works with students and their major academic advisors to help prepare students for law school and taking the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). Students take undergraduate courses that, when reviewed by the law schools, fulfill key criteria:

- develop analytical reasoning skills
- reinforce advanced reading and writing skills
- create a context in which law may be better understood
- demonstrate well-developed communication skills

There are many appropriate undergraduate majors to prepare for law school. The following academic areas may be particularly appropriate for prospective law students:

- Behavioral Science
- Business
- Communication
- English
- History/Political Science
- Justice
- Philosophy

When reviewing applications, law schools generally consider applicants' cumulative grade point average and their LSAT scores. Law schools do not necessarily select applicants having a specialized pre-law background. Instead, they recognize students who have broadly prepared themselves for legal studies and demonstrated leadership and professional initiative inside and outside of the classroom.

For more information about Pre-Law studies at Mount Mary College, please contact pre-law advisor Rachel Monaco-Wilcox at monacowr@mtmary.edu or (414) 258-4810, ext. 442.



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Sample Pre-Law courses

- Introduction to Justice
- Women as Justice Professionals
- Public Speaking
- Contemporary Issues in Ethics
- Global Conflicts & Social Transformation
- Leadership Seminar for Social Justice

More on the Web

Visit www.mtmary.edu/div_socialscience.htm for additional information about the Social Sciences and Related Disciplines Division at Mount Mary College and its academic programs and formats including:

- Anthropology/Sociology (minor)
- Counseling (graduate)
- History (minor and day)
- Peacebuilding (certificate)
- Pre-Law
- Psychology/Behavioral Science (evening and day)
- Social Work (evening and day)
- Broadfield Social Studies Education (certificate and day)

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LSAT Preparation

All law schools approved by the American Bar Association require applicants to take the LSAT.

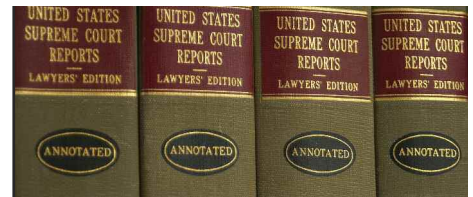
The American Bar Association recommends allowing several months of preparation before taking the LSAT. The most widely accessible and least expensive form of preparation is the material comprised of actual, disclosed test questions and test forms that has been published in the LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book, available at

www.lsac.org.

Employment Outlook for Lawyers

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of lawyers is expected to grow 11 percent during the 2006-16 decade, or about as fast as the average for all occupations. The growth in the population and in the level of business activity is expected create more legal transactions, civil disputes and criminal cases.

Job growth among lawyers also will result from increasing demand for legal services in such areas as health care, intellectual property, immigration, venture capital, energy, elder, antitrust and environmental law. In addition, the wider availability and affordability of legal clinics should result in increased use of legal services by middle-income people.



Did you know?

- Formal requirements to become a lawyer usually include a four-year college degree, three years of law school and then passing a written bar examination. Some requirements may vary by state.
- Competition for admission to most law schools is intense.
- Competition for job openings is keen because of the large number of students graduating from law school each year.
- About 27 percent of lawyers are self-employed, either as partners in law firms or as solo practitioners.

About Mount Mary College

Discover what the more than 1,900 current Mount Mary graduate and undergraduate students already know. Mount Mary offers an engaging and transformational education. Here students explore and expand their hopes and dreams. We invite you to be one of them.

Mount Mary's residential campus is home to a diverse student body. Be a part of our gorgeous suburban campus, just 20 minutes from downtown Milwaukee.

For over 90 years Mount Mary College has been educating women in the Catholic tradition – we are committed to your success. Nearly 100% of our full-time undergraduate students receive a scholarship. Mount Mary is dedicated to making a college education affordable for you.

See how Mount Mary's strong academics, small class sizes, safe and vibrant campus, and student organizations and leadership opportunities will help you achieve your personal and career goals. Contact the Admission Office at 800-321-6265 or mmc-admiss@mtmary.edu.

