PRE-LAW STUDIES MINOR

The Pre-Law Studies Minor at Montclair State University is designed to enhance the preparation of students planning to seek admission to law school by promoting the development of abilities which are considered to be particularly important in the study and practice of law:

- To reason logically
- To analyze complex ideas involving intricate interrelationships
- To read with understanding and accuracy
- To write with clarity and precision

Pre-Law Studies is an interdisciplinary program emphasizing critical reasoning, writing and analytical skills. The program offers students a balanced and varied background, enriching the student’s academic major, in the acquisition of skills essential for success in the field of law.

Program Requirements

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**Essential Skills Courses**

Select 6 credits from the following: 6

- WRIT 201 Introduction to Professional and Public Writing
  - or WRIT 204 Writing for Clarity and Style
  - or ENWR 205 Creative Nonfiction
- LAWS/LNGN 290 Language of the Law
  - or LNGN 250 Language of Propaganda
- JURI/PHIL 324 Legal Reasoning
- INFO 240 Statistical Methods in Business
  - or MATH 100 Statistics
  - or MATH 271 Statistics for Business
- PHIL 106 Logic
  - or PHIL 264 Critical Reasoning and Arguments

Select 0-6 credits from the following: 6

- GNHU 182 English Vocabulary: Classical Roots
- JURI 300 Essentials of Jurisprudence
- LAWS 388 Advocacy and Persuasion
- POLS 101 American Government and Politics
- POLS 320 Law in Society, Civil Law

**Background Courses**

Select 6 credits from the following: 6

- ACCT 204 Fundamentals of Accounting
  - or ECON 101 Applied Macroeconomics
  - or INFO 101 Contemporary Business
- HIST 110 Introduction to American Civilization
  - or HIST 118 History of the United States Since 1876
- JURI 316 Theories of Conflict
  - or LAWS 222 Conflict and Its Resolution
- JURI 499 Selected Topics in Jurisprudence
- LAWS 473 Seminar in Law and Literature
- POLS 322 American Constitutional Law: The Federal System
  - or POLS 323 American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties
- JURI 474 Human Rights Law
  - or PHIL 212 Social and Political Philosophy
  - or PHIL 310 Knowledge, Belief and Truth
- POLS 307 American Political Thought
  - or POLS 317 The American Congress
  - or POLS 324 American Public Policy

Select 0-3 credits from the following: 3

- JURI/PHIL 376 Feminist Jurisprudence
  - or GSWS 376 Feminist Jurisprudence
- LAWS 391 Women and the Law

Total Credits 21