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, and
• 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.

Please contact Dr. Marilyn Tayler (taylerm@mail.montclair.edu) for more information about the Pre-Law Studies minor.

Program Requirements

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JURI 210 Perspectives on Law 3
or LAWS 200 Introduction to Law
LAWS 302 Legal Research 3
LAWS 362 Legal Writing 3

Essential Skills Courses

Select 6 credits from the following: 6

ENGL 201 Introduction to Professional and Public Writing
or ENWR 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 109 Statistics
or MATH 271 Statistics for Business

PHIL 106 Logic
or PHIL 264 Critical Reasoning and Arguments

Select 0-6 credits from the following:

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 220 Conflict and Its Resolution

JURI 499 Selected Topics in Jurisprudence
or LAWS 497 Pre-Law Internship
or LAWS 499 Selected Topics in Law

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:

JURI 376 Feminist Jurisprudence
or PHIL 376 Feminist Jurisprudence
or WMGS 376 Feminist Jurisprudence

LAWS 391 Women and the Law

Total Credits 21