



PRE-LAW STUDIES



University of Findlay

Program Overview

Are you looking for an opportunity to challenge yourself intellectually while learning what it takes to succeed in law school? If so, the Pre-law major at the University of Findlay may be for you. Our interdisciplinary program is designed to provide you with the skills you will need to thrive either as a practicing lawyer or in one of the many jobs using law that do not require a law school degree. Our experienced team of professors will help you select classes that will allow you to build a firm foundation for your future career in the law.

We offer two distinct programs that were carefully crafted to best prepare students for the next chapter in their academic and professional lives:

- Preparation for Practice of Law Emphasis
- Public Administration and Policy Emphasis

Program Highlights

Findlay's Pre-Law Studies Program faculty have extensive teaching experience and earned law degrees from accredited programs, and provide counsel and advice beginning with your freshman year. They will work closely with you on preparing to

sit for the Law School Aptitude Test (LSAT) and guide you through the application process to law schools. Ninety-five percent of our pre-law graduates have been accepted into a law program with many earning partial or full scholarships. Other students have moved into competitive jobs in public policy and administration.

Students also have an opportunity to work and study through the Washington Center organization. The Washington Center enables students to gain the experience needed for entry-level employment and to prepare for lives of achievement, engagement and leadership in order to shape the next generation of leaders.

Our program is the only Pre-law Program developed with the careful consultation and cooperation of all nine Ohio law schools:

- The Ohio State University
- The University of Cincinnati
- Case Western Reserve University
- The University of Akron
- The University of Toledo
- Capital University
- Ohio Northern University
- The University of Dayton
- Cleveland Marshall College of Law

WHY PRE-LAW?

Pre-law studies at the University of Findlay prepares students through a combination of interdisciplinary courses and curriculum matched with opportunities to engage hands-on with our network of alumni, employers, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. Learn and prepare to represent clients in a variety of settings as you get ready for advanced positions or law school.

ABOUT OUR FACULTY

Our faculty brings the best of both worlds to the classroom—academic rigor paired with real-world know-how. They don't just teach theory, they have lived it and they set the bar high because they know you can reach it. They're right there with you every step of the way so you hit the ground running.

12:1*

campus-wide student-to-faculty ratio ensures individual attention

3+3

partnership with first three years of classes at UF and last three years at partnership institutions

28K+

strong Oiler alumni located across the globe

RECENT GRADS WERE HIRED AT COMPANIES LIKE THESE:



3+3 LAW PROGRAM

Motivated students interested in a dedicated career path to practicing law can pursue a track in which they will attend their first three years of education at the University of Findlay with the option to complete their fourth year at one of our partner legal institutions. This would essentially become their first year of law school as well as their last year of University. Participating students will have their bachelor's degree awarded upon successful completion of their first year of law school.

We're proud to offer the 3+3 law program partnership with these institutions:

- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law
- The University of Toledo College of Law
- Michigan State Law School
- Duquesne University School of Law
- University of Dayton School of Law

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Pre-Law Studies Core

HIST 150	The Ascent of Civilization to 476 A.D.	3 hrs	PLAW 240	Law and Public Service.	3 hrs
HIST 220	European Civilization from 476-1648.	3 hrs	POLS 110	American Politics	3 hrs
HIST 221	European Civilization since 1648 OR		POLS 350	Political Philosophy OR	
HIST 325	History of the Supreme Court	3 hrs	PHIL 233	Social and Political Thought	3 hrs
PLAW 100	Introduction to Law	3 hrs			

Preparation for the Practice of Law Emphasis

PLAW 330	International and Comparative Law.	3 hrs	PLAW 420	Legal Research and Writing	3 hrs
PLAW 345	Constitutional Law and Judicial Advocacy: Moot Court.	3 hrs	POLS 335	American Constitutional Law	3 hrs
PLAW 375	Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law	3 hrs	POLS 365	Judicial Process	3 hrs

In addition, students are required to complete nine elective hours from the following:

BUAD 310	Business Law-Contracts and Negotiable Instruments	3 hrs	PBAD 350	Administrative Law.	3 hrs
CJUS 310	Criminal Law.	3 hrs	PLAW 328	Community-Urban Field Experiences in Law.	Variable
CJUS 315	Legal Issues In Criminal Justice	3 hrs	PLAW 390	Topics in Pre-Law	3 hrs
PBAD 305	Public Policy	3 hrs	PLAW 490	Independent Research in Law	1 to 3 hrs

PLAW 390 and PLAW 490: may be repeated if topic is different. PLAW 345 may only be counted once toward the major requirements of the degree, but may be counted towards the elective requirements of the degree as often as taken, if the topic is different.

Public Administration and Policy Emphasis BA

ACCT 220	Principles of Financial Accounting	3 hrs	PLAW 320	Public Policy Analysis	3 hrs
ECON 200	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 hrs	POLS 111	State and Local Politics OR	
PBAD 205	Introduction to Public Administration	3 hrs	POLS 203	International Relations	3 hrs
PBAD 305	Public Policy	3 hrs	POLS 495	Seminar in Political Science	4 hrs
PBAD 350	Administrative Law.	3 hrs			

In addition, students are required to complete three elective hours from the following:

HCMG 430	Healthcare Policy and Strategy	3 hrs	PBAD 395	Internship in Public Administration	Variable
HIST 331	American Foreign Policy	3 hrs	PBAD 490	Topics in Public Administration	3 hrs
PBAD 212	Fundamentals of Community and Economic Development	3 hrs	SOWK 355	American Social Service Policy.	3 hrs
			PLAW 490	Independent Research in Law	1 to 3 hrs

Disclaimer: The plan outlined above is a suggested course sequence. It may be adjusted based on prior college credit or transfer coursework earned before enrollment.

