

**Pre-Law Services at NC State University**  
**Office of Advising Support, Information and Services**  
**Division of Undergraduate Academic Programs**

To those seeking information regarding law school and the application process Pre-Law Services offers:

- ❑ Guidance, information, and support
- ❑ Support is provided to:
  - Research this profession,
  - Explore interests regarding law school
  - Engage in decision making about law schools to consider
  - Make decisions regarding LSAT Test preparation
  - Coordinate and manage the application process
  - Explore and review major, minor and concentration options
- ❑ Advising for current students and alumni
- ❑ Development of specific pre-law programming with the Pre-Law Students Association (PLSA). All programming is designed to help candidates research interests and decide if law school is the right direction.

For a number of years law schools have recognized North Carolina State University for the diversity of its student body and its unique and excellent academic programs. Because law school applicants have graduated from every college and from a wide range of majors, Pre-law Services offers support to students across the curricula. NC State graduates attend and graduate from a wide array of law schools nationwide.

Unlike other graduate and professional programs, law schools do not require specific courses for admission. Students should look for undergraduate courses that require substantial writing and coursework to develop logical and analytical thinking skills. Law schools look for students with diverse academic and personal backgrounds, who read and write well, and understand the forces that shape the world around us. The American Bar Association recommends taking a broad range of difficult courses from demanding instructors. More important than the choice of undergraduate major is the rigor of the course work and the student's performance as an undergraduate.

Pre-Law Services at NC State offers materials and a variety of services to help all students interested in a legal career. Students can browse in the Pre-Law material during regular office hours, and the Pre-Law Adviser is available for scheduled appointments. Announcements of Pre-Law meetings, workshops, and programs are posted on the website, [www.ncsu.edu/prelaw](http://www.ncsu.edu/prelaw), the University Calendar, and made available to the Coordinators of Advising in every academic department. Those interested in receiving information about Pre-Law events should consult the website or contact the adviser directly via email. Pre-Law materials can also be found at University Career Services Office and D.H. Hill Library.

This office and the Pre-Law Students Association co-sponsor the annual Inter-Institutional Law School Fair each fall, welcoming over 80 representatives from law schools across the country, and featuring panel discussions and workshops on pertinent topics: Financing Law School, Academic Integrity and Misconduct in the Law School Application Process, Recruitment of Minority Candidates, and Writing Personal Statements.

In addition to creating a strong academic record students are encouraged to develop a resume showing participation and commitment to a variety of activities, local and international service, and organizations such as:

- ❑ Study Abroad, Fellowship Advising, COOP, Internships, Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service
  - Internships and/or employment in areas that can include law (this is not a requirement imposed by any law school for a candidate, but does offer experience for students)
- ❑ Undergraduate Research, Scholars Programs, Honors, etc. where possible
- ❑ Student Judicial Board which enforces University Code of Conduct Rules
- ❑ Leadership positions within campus and community organizations
- ❑ Engagement through community service commitments - Alternative Service Breaks, political and service organizations around the county and state.

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