

Prelaw at NYU

Virtual Advising and Registration

Choosing a Major

- There is no such thing as a prelaw “curriculum.”
- Law school admissions committees like to see diversity in coursework and welcome applicants from **ALL** majors, including math, sciences, engineering, and the arts.
- Choose a major that interests you, one in which you will perform well.

Useful Skills

While at NYU, focus on developing skills that are useful and necessary
for law students and lawyers:

- Writing Skills
- Oral Communication Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Critical Reading Skills

Other Factors

- Difficulty of the applicant's major and courses
- Honors courses and seminars
- Carrying light or heavy credit loads
- Overloading on pass/fail classes or lower-level courses
- Withdrawals from courses or repeating multiple times
- Working while simultaneously attending college
- History of poor performance on standardized tests
- Extracurricular activities
- Undergraduate research
- Demonstrated leadership on- and off-campus

Meet with a preprofessional advisor to discuss any of these factors and how you should address them in your application

What you can do now to prepare for law school in the future

- There **ARE** things you can do now and throughout your time in college to best prepare yourself for law school admissions – **DO NOT WAIT** until you apply.
- Get to know at least one faculty member well enough for them to write you a convincing letter of recommendation.
- Join a few prelaw related clubs and organizations at NYU.
- Get to know some law students and lawyers through mentoring programs, shadowing, internships, workshops, info sessions, and law school visits.
- Do your best academically!

Working with the Preprofessional Advising Center

The **Preprofessional Advising Center's** staff of advisors provides individual advising as well as workshops, seminars, and other programs throughout the academic year to assist you in preparing for law school and, ultimately, a career in the law.

Our weekly email newsletter, **The Legal Brief**, features events, articles, announcements, and job listings that are of interest to prelaw students. You can join the listserv now by going on our website, www.prelaw.cas.nyu.edu and clicking on "Join the Prelaw Listserv to Receive The Legal Brief."

We encourage you to watch the [Prelaw Overview](#) on our website and meet with a preprofessional advisor often throughout your time at NYU to discuss your path to law school.

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