

Prelaw at NYU

Virtual Advising and Registration

Choosing a Major

- There is no such thing as a prelaw “curriculum.”
- Law schools have no specific course requirements for admission.
- Law schools 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, Research, and Editing
- Oral Communication and Listening
- Problem-Solving and Critical Reading
- Organization and Task Management
- Public Service and Promotion of Justice
- Relationship-building and Collaboration

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 to prepare for law school during your first year

- There **ARE** things you can do now and throughout your four years in order 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 when it's time to apply to law school (such as your First-Year Seminar instructor).
- 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.
- Seek summer jobs or internships in your fields of interest, not just prelaw
- 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, cas.nyu.edu/prelaw, 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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