Prelaw at NYU

Virtual Advising and Registration
• There is no such thing as a prelaw “curriculum” or at NYU.

• 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.
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

**You can develop most of these skills through your core curriculum courses as well as major/minor courses!**
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, prelaw events, 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!
Other Suggestions for Your First Year

- Consider challenging yourself by taking on rigorous courses – eventually, even consider taking honors courses and small seminars that require extensive reading and writing
- Consider taking on a full credit load every semester (16-18)
- Avoid overloading on pass/fail classes or lower-level courses
- Avoid withdrawing or repeating courses multiple times
- Start to build your resume for law school by joining clubs, pursuing volunteer experiences, and applying for internships
- Get started on undergraduate research – it is a great way to fine-tune many critical skills for law school
- Demonstrate your leadership and initiative on- and off-campus

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