Choose a Major that interests YOU
- At NYU, there is no such thing as a prelaw curriculum
- Law school admissions committees welcome applicants from ALL majors; they are most interested in how well you do academically
- If you choose a non-liberal arts major, however, be sure to take elective courses that strengthen your analytical research, writing, and communication skills

Get Involved
- Join volunteer and community service activities on and off-campus that interest you, and be sure to take on a leadership role
- The activities you choose do not have to be directly related to law

Build community on campus
- If you haven’t done so, sign up to receive our newsletter, The Legal Brief
- Attend as many prelaw events as you can! Lots of great info and visits from attorneys and current law students

Start building relationships with professors
- Take advantage of office hours, participate in class

Think about your law school admissions test timing
- The LSAT is offered several times a year - plan ahead
- You can also consider taking the GRE instead - 36 law schools are now accepting scores
Law Schools consider:

- **LSAT scores**
  - LSAT scores range from 120-180
  - Some law schools are accepting GRE scores as a suitable substitute for the LSAT
  - Check out each school’s 509 ABA Report
- **Undergraduate cumulative GPA**
- **Letters of Recommendation**
  - Law schools prefer 2 letters from professors
  - Admissions officers find most helpful if the professors assess your skills in comparison with peers
- **Personal Statement**
  - Your time to shine! Tell the admissions committee about yourself - they want to know who you are
  - Avoid cliché statements
  - Grammar and spelling must be impeccable
- **Résumé**
  - Any extracurriculars, internships, work experience should be added here
  - Use the opportunity to showcase your skills and abilities relevant to the study of law
- **Other admissions criteria (diversity statement, addendum)**
Other Factors

- Rigor 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!
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, [http://cas.nyu.edu/prelaw.html](http://cas.nyu.edu/prelaw.html) 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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