



THE PRE-LAW MINOR

Description and objectives

In this program students will take an interdisciplinary course of study that will help prepare them to gain admission to, and graduate from, accredited law schools in the United States.

Requirements for the Minor in Pre-Law Studies

The minor comprises 18 hours of courses beyond the Core Curriculum from the list of courses below:

- PSCI 3310 American Constitutional Law
- PSCI 3328 Ancient Political Theory

ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition
ENGL 3363 Advanced Rhetoric and Argumentation
ENGL 3393 Introduction to Technical Writing
HIST 1302 U.S. History II
PHIL 2307 Logic
ECON 2301 Principles of Microeconomics

COURSES IN THE PRE-LAW MINOR

PSCI 3310 American Constitutional Law 3 Credit Hours

This course is a study of the origin and development of American constitutional principles, law, and practices; judicial review; and the impact of constitutional law and practice on policy development and execution. Case materials consist of leading constitutional decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prerequisites: None

Offered: Fall/Every Other Year

PSCI 3328 Ancient Political Theory 3 Credit Hours

This course is an examination of the classical foundations of political thought.

Prerequisites: None

Offered: Spring/Yearly

ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition 3 Credit Hours

This is an advanced writing course combining theory and practice of modern research with an examination of modern standard American English that stresses rhetorical and pragmatic approaches to the use of writing conventions and appropriate grammar and usage. Students learn to use the tools of revision, rhetoric, and technology. The difference between first draft writing and writing for publication is stressed.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1302 or its equivalent

Offered: Fall Yearly

ENGL 3363 Advanced Rhetoric and Argumentation 3 Credit Hours

This course offers a survey of the history of rhetoric from classical to contemporary and the analysis of significant argumentation, particularly law and politics. The study is sensitive to the historical and cultural contexts in which arguments are produced and received and considers how rhetorical theory and practice change over time.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1302;

Offered: Spring Yearly

Recommended: ENGL 3353

ENGL 3393 Introduction to Technical Writing 3 Credit Hours

This course helps students gain understanding, experience, and skill in scientific, technical, and business communication. They learn basic theories of scientific and technical writing and explore how to use logic, arrangement, and style in writing for various scientific and technical audiences. Major writing assignments, class discussions, and other coursework introduce students to principles and contexts

of specific types of scientific, technical, and professional documents. Genres might include research proposals, research reports, lab reports, professional resumes, and job application letters. Assignments model real-world scientific and professional writing and include team projects and oral presentations. The course reinforces general principles of good writing. Students will assess, revise, and edit their own writing. By the end of the course, students should have the ability to write clearly and succinctly on technical subjects.

Prerequisite: Completion of the English core curriculum courses; recommended completion of Advanced Composition

Offered: Yearly

HIST 1302 United States History II

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to United States history from Reconstruction to the present. It is required of all teacher certification candidates.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or Instructor approval

Offered: Fall/Spring Yearly

PHIL 2307 Logic

3 Credit Hours

This course will rigorously introduce students to central forms of argumentation. The emphasis will be on helping students improve oral and written argumentative skills. These skills will help students express themselves in a more efficacious and convincing manner. We will talk about three systems of logic, categorical logic, propositional logic, and predicate logic.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301

Offered: Once Every Two Years

ECON 2301 Principles of Microeconomics

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to the basic descriptive, analytical, and policy problems at the microeconomic level. Emphasis will be placed on the roles of supply, demand, and price in the allocation of scarce resources.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Fall/Spring Yearly