



# PreLaw Advising

## Suggested Courses for Students Interested in Law School

Here is a list of courses offered at Penn State that may do one of the following: help you understand the law profession; be of some assistance on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT); and/or help you in law school. **It is not necessary to take any of these courses in order to go to law school.** An effort was made to include basic introductory courses so those students not in the major could easily take the course, but that was not always possible. Prerequisite courses are indicated where they are required.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- **COMM 381:** Telecommunications Regulation (3)  
Prerequisite courses: **COMM 180; ECON 002 or ECON 014**
- **COMM 403:** Law of Mass Communication (3)
- **COMM 492:** Internet Law and Policy (3)  
Prerequisite course: **COMM 180**

### CRIME, LAW AND JUSTICE

- **CLJ 111:** Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System (3)
- **CLJ 113:** Introduction to Law (3)
- **CLJ/ADM J 270/470:** The Law of Crimes and Corrections (3) (270 and 470 are the same course)  
Prerequisite courses: **CLJ 111; PL SC 001 or PL SC 003**
- **CLJ 432:** Crime and the American Court System (3)  
Prerequisite courses: **CLJ 111; CLJ 113; CLJ/ADM J 240W**
- **CLJ 451:** Race, Crime, and Justice (3) (US)  
Prerequisite courses: **CLJ 111; CLJ/ADM J 240W**
- **CLJ/WMNST 453:** Women and the Criminal Justice System (3) (US)  
Prerequisite courses: **CLJ 111 or WMNST 001**
- **CLJ/SOC 467:** Law and Society (3)  
Prerequisite courses: **CLJ 113; CLJ/ADM J 240W**

### HISTORY

- **HIST 101:** Roman Republic and Empire (3) (GH;IL) (CAMS)
- **HIST 107:** Medieval (3) (GH;IL) (MEDVL)
- **HIST 200:** American Local History (3 per semester, maximum of 6)  
Prerequisite course: **HIST 020 or 021**
- **HIST 449:** Constitutional History of the United States to 1877 (3)  
Prerequisite courses: **HIST 020 or 021, 3 additional credits in history or political science**
- **HIST 450:** Constitutional History of the United States since 1877 (3)  
Prerequisite courses: **HIST 020 or 021, 3 additional credits in history or political science**
- **HIST 452:** History of United States Foreign Relations (3)  
Prerequisite course: **HIST 020 or 021**

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## **PHILOSOPHY**

- **PHIL 010:** Critical Thinking (3) (GH)\*
  - **PHIL 012:** Symbolic Logic (3) (GQ)
  - **PHIL 105:** Introduction to Philosophy of Law & Legal Ethics (3) (GH)
- \*If you do not take PHIL 010, purchase the text for help with LSAT preparation.

## **ENGLISH**

- **ENGL 417:** The Editorial Process (3)  
Prerequisite courses: **ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D; and 210, 215, or 410**
- **ENGL 421:** Advanced Expository Writing (3)  
Prerequisite course: **ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D**

The **Rhetoric Emphasis** in the English Undergraduate Handbook available in the Department of English

- **ENGL 470:** Rhetorical Theory and Practice (3)  
Prerequisite course: **ENGL 015 or 030**
- **ENGL 471:** Rhetorical Traditions (3 credits/semester, maximum of 6)  
Prerequisite course: **ENGL 015 or 030**
- **ENGL 472:** Current Theories of Writing and Reading (3 credits/semester, maximum of 6)  
Prerequisite course: **ENGL 015 or 030**
- **ENGL 473:** Rhetorical Approaches to Discourse(3 credits/semester, maximum of 6)  
Prerequisite course: **ENGL 015 or 030**
- **ENGL 474:** Issues in Rhetoric and Composition(3 credits/semester, maximum of 6)  
Prerequisite course: **ENGL 015 or 030**

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

- **PL SC 001:** Introduction To American National Government (3) (GS)
- **PL SC 002:** American Public Policy (3)  
Prerequisite Course: **PL SC 001**
- **PLSC 403:** The Legislative Process (3)  
Prerequisite Course: **PL SC 001 or 003**
- **PLSC 470W:** Legal Brief Writing (3)  
Prerequisite Course: **PL SC 001**
- **PLSC 471:** Administrative Law (3)  
Prerequisite Course: **PL SC 001**
- **PLSC 472:** The American Legal Process (3)  
Prerequisite Course: **PL SC 001**
- **PLSC 473:** Constitutional Law: The Federal System (3)  
Prerequisite Course: **PL SC 001**
- **PL SC 474:** Constitutional Law: Equal Protection (3)  
Prerequisite Course: **PL SC 001**
- **PLSC 497K:** Criminal Law.  
Prerequisite Course: **PL SC 001**

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