

Mayville State University

Pre-Professional Program

Pre-Law

Law schools do not establish specific academic course requirements for admission. They are primarily concerned with the quality of the person's character and the intellect the person developed as a result of their undergraduate degree experiences.

When preparing for law school it is important to have a broad liberal arts education. The Liberal Arts degree develops the skills for graduate study in law: the ability to think critically, to read and comprehend difficult material, to write and speak clearly and effectively, to do research and develop and defend an argument.

Students interested in pre-law would be well served if they attended MSU and pursue a B.A. in Social Science with a minor in Sociology and selected Psychology courses.

Students would take the pre-reqs. for social science major, and Engl. 125 in the Essential Studies.

If you have any questions regarding this pre-professional program, please contact Ilene Odegard, 701.788.5255 or ilene.odegard@mayvillestate.edu.

These are general admission requirements which are offered at Mayville State University. Professional program requirements vary widely. Students should refer to specific admissions guidelines for each school.

Suggested Program of Study

Course		Credits
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
COMM 314	Argumentation & Debate	3
COMM 414	Media Law & Ethics	3
HIST 103	U.S. To 1877	3
HIST 104	U.S. Since 1877	3
HIST 305	History of American Government	3
HIST 314	Ideology & Government	3
SOC 210	Social Problems	3
SOC 406	Crime & Delinquency	3
SOC 355	Drugs & Society	3
SOC 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SOC 335	Marriage and the Family	3
POLS/HIST, SOC & PSYC electives		

Admission to law school is highly competitive. For a good chance of admission to an accredited law school, students generally need a grade average of B or better and an LSAT score above the median. In addition to strong grades and LSAT scores, law schools seek students who engage in activities that demonstrate the qualities of leadership and citizenship. Additional information is available from the advisor.