Pre-Law

Pre-Law at the UofL is designed to help undergraduate students prepare for law school. There is no Pre-Law major.

Preparation

Students interested in Pre-Law at UofL are encouraged to take a broad range of preparatory undergraduate courses. There is no “perfect” major for students interested in attending law school. Students should select coursework that interests them, and that they feel will allow them to excel academically. Taking courses that will aid in the development of general research skills, task organization and management skills, writing skills, critical reading abilities, communication skills, and that help cultivate an analytical/problem-solving mindset are essential. Some common majors for future law students that the University of Louisville offers include:

• Political Science
• History
• English
• Philosophy
• Psychology
• Business
• Criminal Justice
• Paralegal Studies

This list is not exhaustive. The University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law’s class of 2018 is composed of students from 34 different undergraduate majors.

In order to be a competitive applicant for admission to law school, a student should strive for maintaining a GPA of 3.2 or better on a 4.0 scale. For admission to the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, the median GPA of an incoming student is 3.39. The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is the standardized aptitude test which is a prerequisite for admissions to the vast majority of law schools. The national average LSAT score is 150, however, the current median LSAT score for an incoming law student at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law is 154. The LSAT should be taken by the end of junior year, and no later than the December prior to the expected year of law school enrollment. In addition to maintaining a high GPA and earning a high score on the LSAT, a student must demonstrate the intellectual, emotional, social, and moral suitability for the study and practice of law.

Meet with an Advisor

Students interested in attending law school are encouraged to meet with either a pre-law advisor, or a member of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law Admissions Team. To contact a pre-law advisor, visit louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/pre-professional-guides/pre-law for instructions on scheduling an appointment with a pre-law advisor. To contact the University of Louisville Brandeis School of law directly, visit louisville.edu/law/admissions/contact-admissions.

University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law

UofL Law is the fifth oldest continually operating law school in the nation. Our law school’s commitment to its students has a long tradition with deeply-engrained roots. The law school boasts a 12.2:1 faculty to student ratio, and offers an outstanding legal education for a top value price. Visit louisville.edu/law to learn more about your local law school.

For More Information
Call: 502.852.6364
Visit: louisville.edu/law
**Harlan Scholars Program**

Scholars who participate in programming, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and score in the 50th percentile or above on the LSAT are automatically admitted to the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law after earning their bachelor’s degrees. Harlan Scholars can major in the academic area that best suits their interests.

Requirements to apply:
- 24 ACT or 1160 SAT and 3.35 GPA
- Two letters of recommendation - An effective letter will discuss character, writing ability, critical problem solving, and leadership skills.
- One essay describing what being a lawyer means to the student and his/her interest in the legal profession (400 words or fewer)

To apply, visit louisville.edu/admissions/aid/gep/harlan.

**Deadline: December 15**

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**3+3 Program**

This program allows eligible undergraduate students to apply to the Brandeis School of Law in their junior year. Students in the program will fulfill their senior year of undergraduate credits through successful completion of their first year law school courses.

Who is eligible to apply:
- Complete three years of undergraduate coursework at University of Louisville toward one of the eligible majors
- Satisfy all general education requirements for the bachelor’s degree
- Satisfy all major coursework requirements
- Meet all other undergraduate requirements for graduation

How to apply:
- Submit scores from a valid and reliable admission test in order to assist the law school's admissions committee in assessing the applicant's ability to satisfactorily complete the school's program of legal education
- Interview with a Brandeis School of Law admissions representative
- Complete all other Brandeis School of Law admissions requirements

For more information, visit http://louisville.edu/law/admissions/apply-now/3plus3

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To view a complete list of courses for each program, please view the Undergraduate Catalog at louisville.edu/undergraduatetable. For a list of course descriptions, visit htmlaccess.louisville.edu/crseCatalog/searchCrseCatalog

*This is intended only as an overview of the program and not intended to replace advising or the catalog. Subject to change before your enrollment. The University of Louisville is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC). For more information - louisville.edu/accreditation.

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